

Farnham. October 27. 1828. -

My dear Mother

Mr Beiscall came over this morning from Stratfield Saye with a proposal to me from the Duke of Wellington which has occasioned us very great surprise, and conflict of feelings. The Archdeaconry of New South Wales is vacant and the Duke wishes to confer it upon me as the person whom from his acquaintance with me he thinks most proper to fill it. The salary allowed by Government is 2000 <sup>£</sup> a year; besides other great local advantages. The period which I should be required to be absent from England would be five years; after which of

course a retiring pension would be allowed, or  
preferment from Government given for my future  
support in this country. In point of pecuniary  
advantage it certainly is a most noble offer  
on the part of the Duke; and such as I could  
never have raised my thoughts to; and it would  
seem an opening made to a scene of usefulness  
in my profession where I might exert to the utmost  
such abilities as God has given me for his service.  
At the same time to leave our country and to  
go to such a distance from all that we know  
and love calls for a sacrifice which we can  
neither of us make without almost breaking  
our hearts. We wish very much for your advice

or and opinion. If you can borrow the 73<sup>d</sup> Number  
of the Quarterly Review, published last January  
you will find in the first Article a pretty full  
account of New S. Wales and its inhabitants.

Should I am not to make up my mind for a week; and  
should earnestly desire before doing so to have your  
advice and to act with your approbation.

Most I say let me hear as soon as you have  
advice considered. It is a most important and  
serious undertaking either to accept or to refuse;  
and as yet I cannot tell which way my mind  
inclines. We are all quite well; and hope to hear  
as favorable an account of you. God bless you  
my dear mother, I am ever your very  
affectionate Son W. G. Broughton