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My dear Coleridge

You desire me to write a long letter to Miss Burdett. (I  
through you; meaning thereby I presume not that I should tell you  
what to say to her, but write a letter addressed to her and forward it  
to you to deliver. This I have done. Purposing to write separately to you  
I will herein confine myself to saying that with some general account of  
the state of affairs in the Diocese, I have devoted special attention, as you  
advised, to our incipient College: which indeed at present forms the  
chief subject of my anxiety. I have engaged (as you know) a house near  
Sydney from year to year, and we move to it at Christmas. But the  
great object of exertion must be a permanent settlement. If I had the  
cap of Fortunatus, I believe nothing could be so desirable as the house  
and premises which we have hired. But  
I do not think in the way of purchase  
any thing effectual could be done with  
a smaller sum than £8000: so it is  
out of the question. Secondly there is  
a house and pretty good quantity of land opposite to the former.  
It is not nearly so good in any point of view, excepting that I think  
£4000 would set us going there. Again there is a residence with  
seven Acres of land adjoining the place which we have taken.  
It is a poor place certainly: but might be made to answer. The  
cost I imagine would not exceed £1500. The place which I have  
taken is called Lindhurst. The Bishop of Tasmania who has  
seen it can tell you about it. If we had means, the Bishop's  
residence might be fixed there; and there would still be space  
enough to build the College upon. But all this must cost money:  
much more than we have, or probably can have. The only sum that  
I know to be attainable is £1000 given by Dr. Warriford, in trust to  
Lord Redesdale and the Rev<sup>d</sup> Vaughan Thomas. However I have  
stated to you these particulars; trusting in God's Providence that  
whatsoever

Whatsoever may be best for the welfare of his Church will be granted to us; and feeling no less assured that every thing which human exertion or providence can effect towards that end will be accomplished by you. I regret most sincerely to hear that Sir John Coleridge has been ill; but am thankful to learn not only from you

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that he is recovering, but also to have the statement confirmed by a London paper of a few days later date. I am present my kindest respects and regards to him, who is entitled to more than grateful than it is in my power to offer for his earnest and disinterested efforts (now happily crowned with success) for the advancement of my great design. We are very thankful to hear of favorable account of Dr. Keble and all others connected with you. May God continue such blessings to you. My wife and I are quite alone. Emily is gone to see her sister. We are all well. Yours my dear Coleridge most faithfully & affectionately W. G. Australia