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Broughton to Coleridge, 15/2/1841

My dear Coleridge: Though not directly from yourself yet through the intervention of my worthy friend Mr Burton, who has been in communication with the family at Hartley I have heard of you and yours. This was the more gratifying, as, with the exception of a short note by the young man (Jenkyns) whom you recommended to me, and which bears date 10 Novr 1839, I have been without news from Eton. That individual was one of the right sort, and by his own exertions soon obtained employment, in which I hope he either continues, or has exchanged it for something better. Since that time I have written to you I think twice. One Letter I can identify by recalling that in it I apprized you of having received but one Volume of "Vatabli Bibl. Lacr." with a note appended from Darling saying "Vol 2 by the next": which however has not yet arrived. But, as I wrote, at the same time with that Letter to you, a long and rather particular one to Dr Pusey, thanking him for his donation of Books, and entering into the question of the extension of episcopacy throughout Australia, and as I have not heard of the arrival of that Letter any more than of the one addressed to you, I begin to fear they have not arrived. They were sent through the Colonial Office. Being upon that point I may also mention that I have one or more Letters to Dr Keate unacknowledged by him. These I cannot give a very particular description of; having yielded (up to a very recent period) to the dreadful practice of not keeping any account of the dates, and periods of transmission, of my several Letters: but from 1st January last I have reformed this altogether: and intend to be henceforth as accurate and official as a Secretary of State. I have written also to Mrs Keate in company with a table book-case which I sent to her, and hope she received. I also forwarded to you a box (a very small one I regret to say) containing some Minerals from New Zealand: but whether I then wrote to you I cannot either remember or ascertain. With respect either to minerals or birds I have not succeeded on your behalf as I could wish. Of the former I believe the variety in this Colony is very small; and from New Zealand,

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in reply to my application, I have received I am sorry to say more promises than specimens. The young gentleman (military) who went down some time ago, i.e. nearly 12 months, promised to shoot me some Hawks (sic) for Charley: but they have not arrived. I mention these particulars only to shew you that I have not forgotten or neglected to attend to your wishes. I should indeed be very ungrateful if I did. But the people in this part of the world are all so busy and so independent that it is a matter of difficulty to get any thing done. Be assured however that, as opportunity may serve, I will do my best both for you and Charley.

I hardly know whether I am to send you a favourable or unfavourable account of the state of things in this quarter: I mean especially as relates to the interests of religion and of the Church. We have certainly our portion both of black and white, but neither so predominating as to exclude the other. I do hope and trust that where the Churches are built and clergy resident there is a very real and observable improvement; especially where the latter are men of judicious and humble dispositions, and willing to lay aside almost all self-regard, and devote themselves to the duties of their calling. It is painful to find how few, even among those who have no censurable failing and would do very well in England, are fit for our employment; which requires them to be able to adapt themselves to persona and circumstances, and to practise a system of bearing and forbearing, which they who have no experience but of well-conditioned and happy England cannot easily form any conception of. "Omnis Aristippum etc" must be the ruling maxim both of Bishop and clergy here for many years to come: for we must be found applying ourselves in turn to almost everything; and the great art is to do this without subjecting ourselves to degradation in the general opinion. You will readily believe that is not every

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one who can accomplish this: and some who had not counted the cost before they engaged are disgruntled and dissatisfied. All that I can do to support and encourage them I do by saying "Think what the effect of what we now undergo is to be two centuries hence." But, unless a man be rather high minded, this sort of exhortation has little weight. To some I dare say it may even appear ridiculous. Nevertheless I see every day clear proof that the men who are to lay the foundation of a Church here, or in any new country, must be such as are moved by this consideration.

On the question of Public Education we have had a kind of truce during the whole of last year; and it still continues. I am availing myself of it to strengthen and consolidate our position as far as it lies in my power. What the Governor will do I do not know: nor I presume does he. We think Lord John Russell's Despatch of 26 June 1840 (printed by Order of the H. of C. 31st July) sufficiently favorable to us. I have not yet broken ground with Sir George Gipps thereon: but am preparing my measures. I think he will not be quite as fierce as he was in 1839.

We have recently by the death of Mr Moore received a very valuable bequest to the Church in money and land. The entire value I do not consider less than £20000 besides 6000 Acres of land before given. As he directs all his personal property to be laid out in purchase of land, the whole would be void if the circs had occurred in England. But we have every reason to believe that the same law will not reach it here. I am about however to ask a favour of you: that is to obtain a good legal opinion (and I know you have access to the best) as to the validity of the bequest, and the course which it would be advisable for us to pursue if it should be questioned. I purpose therefore to send a Copy of the Will and Codicil to England by a friend, Mr Robert

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Lethbridge, who is returning by the Andromache; and he on his arrival will forward the same to you by Post: which mode of conveyance I have reason to believe, is now abundantly cheap. Therewith I will write more fully upon that subject.

A few days ago I received two additional Boxes of Books. They were from Oxford; and principally duplicates from All Souls and Worcester Colleges. I presume therefore they did not come from Darling. I hope that he still has Vatablus (Vol 2) in safety. It was my intention to have sent you some Copies of the Catalogue: but printers are as dilatory and provoking as other people here, and they have disappointed me.

I have nothing of importance relating to ourselves to communicate. As to myself I am continually on the move: but with that exception our life is even and uniform. My wife and children seldom go from home except to Sydney and back; or to visit a few friends. We are looking almost daily for Mr & Mrs Burton's return. He fixed 31st October for leaving England; and upon that supposition ought not to be far distant. Our kindest regards and affectionate wishes attend you all, both at Eton and Hartley. Pray communicate this to the latter: also include Mr Robt Keate and family. Tell him also that on the day after tomorrow at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 8 A.M. I am under engagement to marry his friend Mr Arthur Jeffreys to Miss Sarah Campbell of this town: and of a highly worthy and respectable family. Your very sincere and faithful friend. W.G. Australia.