

MOORE COLLEGE: BROUGHTON LETTERS

Broughton to Coleridge, 24|6|1844 (rec'd 13|11|44)

My dear Coleridge: On the 20th inst I finished a Letter to you on one subject which has long pressed upon my heart, that is - the further subdivision of this Diocese, which is all too vast for any one man's overseership. Towards that object I consider it my duty to do what is possible, and have pressed the matter very earnestly upon the Archbishop. To Mr Hawkins I have sent a Map of the Colony of New S. Wales, to elucidate the correctness of my representations: and it was my intention to have sent two other Maps drawn on the same Scale to shew the comparative extent of this Diocese and those adjoining. But these others I fear will not be ready for the present vessel 'The Jane Goudie', but shall come by the next. In my Letter to Mr Hawkins I had barely time to request he wld acknowledge the arrival of your Letter of 23rd January last: which, as the Mail was then reported to be closing it was not in my power to do. Since then however the Packet for March has also arrived; bringing your Letters of 27 Febry, which I have therefore the gratification of being enabled to reply to as well as to its precursor: the ship being detailed till tomorrow. Indeed I may acknowledge the arrival of your Letter in so many words: but how to express in any suitable terms what I feel and think on the receipt of such repeated and almost overwhelming proofs of your disposition and ability to serve and assist us I really know not. Thanks I am sure, even if I cld worthily render them, are not what you desire to receive: or rather, the most acceptable mark of our gratitude will be an endeavour to apply worthily in the service of Christ that which has been contributed in a spirit of such deep devotedness to him (sic).

At present I have scarcely had time to turn my thoughts with sufficient earnestness to the subject to be able altogether to embrace it, or to

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decide what ought to be done. Of that hereafter. At present however I may remark that having resolutely drawn in my expenditure, and declined very generally to enter into fresh engagements, I feel comparatively free to lay down plans of my own; and I hope to be able by tendering aid where it was not expected to be able to induce the inhabitants to make corresponding efforts where they can. But poor people, their case is very deplorable; though I cannot deny that by entering into improvident engagements through the hope of great gain, they have ^{brought} ~~broguht~~ it chiefly upon themselves. Still there are on all sides of us instances of such reverses that, whoever may have been to blame as the cause of them, it wld be the disposition of a savage not of a Christian to remain insensible to the situation of those who have undergone them. My persuasion is that they really cannot generally do anything at this moment: and therefore my first suggestion is that I will do merely what is necessary to meet cases of urgent need and distress such as were alluded to in my Letters of May 1843 to the S.P.G. and shall husband the remainder of the Fund until times improve, and the people are more able to meet me in these undertakings. From the Appendix to my Charge you will learn that there are now about 12 Churches in an unfinished state: and there is a disposition to begin as many more if I wld give the signal of encouragement. But at present I have withheld it; because, having counted the cost, my opinion is that we have not wherewith to finish. The Charge goes by the Jane Goudie to Mr Francis. I have inscribed the copies requested in your Letter of May 6th 1843: and wld have sent more if I had not disliked the appearance of being too forward in sending them to persons not known or only slightly known to me; and whom you had not suggested when you named the others. But I think this scruple may have carried me too far in the instances of your

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relatives Bishop Coleridge, the Judge, Revd Duke Coleridge, Revd C Dyson, Bishop of Exeter, and some of the American Bishops. Shld you think it becoming, or, rather, not unbecoming, to send to these or any of them or to any others who deserve well of my gratitude, I have begged Mr Francis to let you know there are some extra copies at your service. I have

P. → written to Burns and parker as you suggested some time ago; and will do the same to Rivington as soon as his parcel arrives. As to the catalogue of our Theological Library I fear it must be given up as a totally desperate case; you not mentioning either the package with 80 copies which was forwarded by two ships one after the other, nor one of two Colies which I sent under cover by post. It is a strange coincidence that a letter which I wrote to thank some Bachelors and Undergraduates of Oxford for a small but very nice Collection never reached its destination, and a second Letter which I wrote upon the same subject to a gentleman who enquired what had become of the books, was returned to me after having gone round the world, with a note from the Post Office saying he cld not be found. I despatched it a second time: and am in daily expectation of seeing it here again; being confident there must be somewhere about Cape Horn, or on Antipodes Island, some malignant cold blooded sprite whose occupation it is to intercept whatsoever I write or print touching that Library. Seriously however the doctrine of the Chances wld not have given such a result. You will not believe that this wretch of a sprite has waylaid Letters on other subjects, to account for your having received from me so few written during last year of which it grieves me to find you again complaining. But

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you have seen her ; as she has been among us: and though she has not seen the B. of N.Z. she will (be) able to tell you how we talk of him. Again I wrote from Sydney by the Constant 21st December. Again 6th April by General Hewitt with Portrait and Commn: by Caledonia 12th May: by Penyard Park with views of Sydney: and now two Letters by the Jane Goudie. Be assured dear Coleridge if my Letters ever flag it is not through failing affection or forgetfulness: but principally from my occupation in that which cometh upon me daily. You know what that is. So far as lies in my power, I will write as you desire by every ship: and indeed there are several parts of your last two Letters which require further notice. Finding that the Packet charges reasonably even for thick Letters from England, I venture to hope the same system prevails as to homeward bound communications: and therefore send, as you desire, two Letters last received from N.Z. The tone of both I am sure will cheer you. I send you also a newspaper containing a report of our endeavour to confer a slight parting testimony of our regard upon our excellent Judge; of whose appointment to Madras you have no doubt heard before now. God bless you my dear friend. With kindest regards to all connected with you, believe me to be, Most sincerely yours, W.G. Australia.

P.S. I really long very earnestly to write to my valued old friend, your excellent father-in-law; but amidst the multitude of occupations I can scarcely say when the time is to be found. But the effort shall be made. In the meantime, give our affectionate regards to him and his. I hope they continue well. We hear twice a week from dear Phoebe. She seems to be happy and contented. In her last letter she says her husband was gone to a shew the men how to plough. I think that looks well for a Settler!

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