

Melbourne, no 1

June 4, 1850.

My dear Bishop of Sydney,

I have deferred answering
your letter of the 16th ult., in order that
I might carefully consider the position
in which it had placed me with re-
spect to your Lordship, and Mr Russell,
and might determine what was my
duty under existing circumstances.

I deeply regret, that your Lordship
cannot conscientiously express your
approval of the employment of Mr
Russell in this Diocese: because I
regard myself as being now pledged
to receive him. Before I said
your Lordship at Albany, I told him
that my consent must depend upon
your concurrence; so that, if you
had then expressed your disappro-
val, I might have refused.
The Right Reverend
The Lord Bishop of Sydney.

lation, I should have refused his Appli-
cation.. When however, as I understood
your Lordship, you expressed your
entire approval, provided that he
withdrew his notice of appeal, I im-
mediately wrote to him to that effect.
And since he at once signified his
willingness to comply with the
condition, and abandoned all
idea of prosecuting his appeal,
I felt, that I should be doing
him an injustice, if I were
now to reject him..

My only course therefore appears
to be, that I should desire him
to send in to your Lordship's Registry
a formal revocation of his notice
of appeal, and then license
him to the charge for which

I had designed him.

It is very painful to my feelings
to take a step, which is evidently
opposed to your Lordship's judgment
and wish; but I am necessitated
to do so from a regard to my own
word.. I can only express my hope
that, as Mr Russell has been
sincerely, I do not mean to say
unduly, punished for his "Spirit
of self-will", he may hereafter
practise more of that self-command
and win more of that true
humility, which become the
ministers of the Gospel of Jesus
Christ..

I am, my dear Bishop, &c.
Your Aff^l brother
in the Lord,
C. Melbourne.