

MOORE COLLEGE: BROUGHTON LETTERS

Broughton to Mrs Broughton, 8/4/1845

My dear Sally: I have been a little uneasy at not hearing from you since my return home. I wrote to you on the 28 & 29th of March, and have written since to William Boydell (enclosing a Cheque for £12-10). These I hope have been received. I have seen Chas Boydell, who tells me you were all well when he came away. With this I send a Letter for dear Phoebe which came this morning by the London Packet.

I begin to feel very anxious about her: and earnestly pray you may soon be able to send me a favorable report of her sfa ety. The newspapers will have conveyed accounts to you of the sad state of affairs in New Zealand and of the share the Bishop has had in those dangers. In the Herald I had a great part in his Letter to me printed. From Mrs Selwyn I had a short note: wherein she sends her thanks for the offer we made to her of a place of refuge when the disturbances broke out last year. She is gone with the Bishop to Taranaki wjere I suppose they will remain unless driven away by an attack of the natives. In reply I have said she is right in my opinion to remain with him as long as she can: but if her remaining only makes him anxious and uneasy for her and the children, or if the ~~temperatures~~ tempestuous weather and bad accommodation are such as she cannot bear without injury to her won health, I should recommend her to get away before the winter sets in, and we wil, take care of her and the children till peace and security are restored in New Zealand: if that is ever to be.

Miss Laura Heath is not coming. Her cabin was engaged and all ready for her embarkation: when 3 days before they were to sail news was brought that her heart had failed her: and she cld not go unless Mr Cole came to fetch her. I understand her mother says she shall not go even then. So I suppose there is an end of the affair. I have Mr & Mrs Wood of Wollongong coming to stay with me. They are quite at a loss to know what to do: and as they were in a lodging which was very uncomfortable and for which they really have not the means of paying, I invited them to stay here till they have made up their minds whether to go to England or to accept an offer of a sheep-station made to him by Mr Salting. She really is altered. I hope Emily has got her box og books safe. With kindest love to all I am, My dear Sally, Your faithful & affectionate husband, W.G. Australia.