

January 23^d - April 1845

My dear Sally

I received with much satisfaction and thankfulness your letters of the 15th and 17th both on the same day; and both conveying such continued good accounts of dear Phoebe and her baby. It is my earnest hope that by this time the safety of both is secured: and that she will want nothing but a little time to recover her strength. There are so many things on hand still that it is impossible I could get away yet without

without leaving everything in
confusion, and disappointing
a great many people; the Governor
among others. Mr and Mrs Wood
I think you heard by my last
letter are not going in the Palestine
or General Hewitt, which sail today,
but in the Ann Grant which goes
in a fortnight. They save £60 by
this and expect to be quite as
comfortable. They will remain
here, I presume, until they sail.
If I can settle all things by that
time it would be a great satis-
faction to me to come down for
you

and as not to have time to
go out much. Susan Thomson
has been dangerously ill with
hooping-cough, and I do not know
what beside. Lady Gipp's has
taken the other children to stay
with her at Parramatta that
they may be out of the way of
infection. Near the child is
better and out of danger; and
that Mr & Mrs Thomson are
going to stay with her at Port
Piper. It has not been in my
power to go to see the Macleays
yet. But I shall try to do so. The
old

old gentleman sent me a Note
of congratulation a few days
ago. He says they are going soon
to Brownlow Hill. They have
given up their pew at St James's
which is now divided. The Griffiths
have one part and old Mr
Chambers the other. Mr G: is
gone to Port Phillip. Every body
about us is I believe quite
well. Our George was taken with
a bad sore throat on Sunday.
Mr Wood took him in hand
and doctored him: and gave
him

him five grains of calomel which
I believe set him right. We have had
a very great fall of rain during
yesterday and the night before
and there is every appearance
of more: so that I hope it has
reached your quarter and will
set the plough going. Maize has
risen in price: and is charged
2 $\frac{1}{4}$ a bushel. I have not yet
heard of William Boydell's. If
I can come down and the Church
is to be used for the baptism on
that day perhaps it may be better

Not

not to have the plastering done
till after that; or the dampness may
make it dangerous. Tell him I will
see about having the stone coping
done: and will write to him about
that and other things. He will know
best what is to be done about the
station at Wellington. My advice
to him however is to secure it
if he can. I sent him a letter from
Mr. Dawson. Give my kindest
love to all: and believe me to be

My dear Sally

Your faithful & affect^{ive} husband
W. G. Australia

you, and baptize the little girl
on Whitsunday which is the 11th of
next month, and the properest day.
I like the proposed names very
much. But I cannot positively
say how it will be till next
week. I sent your letter to Mr.
Aspinall by Jane. He is very
well: and I saw and spoke to
her on Sunday afternoon at
St James's. Last Thursday I dined
at Colonel Despard's and met
the Ramsays and a few military.
Did you ever hear that soon
after you left Sydney, Henrietta

D. fell off a horse and dislocated
her wrist? It caused her great
pain, but is now nearly well. She
is able to work again and to play
on the piano forte. I do not find
the key of ours any where, or else
Mrs Wood might have liked to
play a little now and then.

Mr W. is laid up to day with
a sudden swelling and stiffness
in his knee. It causes him to be
in a good deal of pain, so that
he can scarcely move about. He
supposes it is a boil. I have
not seen much of my neighbours
having really so many things on
hand