

Broughton to Mrs Broughton, 19/1/1848 (Darlinghurst)

My dear Sally: I am thankful to inform you of my arrival here once more in health and safety: my only disappointment being not to find you here. For this however I was prepared: Mr James having brought to me at Liverpool your Letter of the 15th in which (as well as in the previous one of the 12th) you inform me of your continued disappointments and perplexities. It is a great cause of regret to me that I cannot at once relieve you from them. But not ~~having~~ knowing exactly what to expect as to your movements I write these few lines (which Mr Raymond most kindly engages to send by an Extra Mail tonight) merely to beg that you will decide on whatever will be most agreeable to yourself. It will not be in my power to come for you before the 3rd of next month: but that is now drawing so near that if you wld prefer going back to Mr ~~B's~~ B's and waiting there till I come, pray do so. If not I shall be most thankful to see you here by the first opportunity you can find. Only I beg you will not come by the wooden Steamer Maitland which is now running; nor when the weather appears decidedly bad. I am thankful you did not come last Saturday as it was very stormy at Kiama, where I then was: but yesterday was a most lovely day: and coming over the mountain I kept hoping all the way that you might then be drawing near home. We have had no rain of any consequence since last Monday week.

The Bishop of Newcastle has arrived. He dined yesterday at Sir Maurice O'Connell's and slept here and is coming again this evening. My time is very short as it was nearly 7 when I reached home and I must not keep Mr Raymond waiting. My kindest love to the whole party. Believe me to be, My dear Sally, Your very faithful and affectionate husband, W.G. Sydney.