

MOORE COLLEGE: BROUGHTON PAPERS

Broughton to Coleridge, 27/1/1853 (Balham)

When I wrote to you last my thoughts were so much occupied with one subject as to exclude almost every other. But now I forward to you a most characteristic epistle from N.Z. which though dated last May did not reach me until four days ago. The Letter to the Archbishop of which he speaks I will send you copy of as soon as possible. But tomorrow I must have it with me to submit to a Convention of Colonial Bishops which, I think, I mentioned to you had been proposed by me, and which is now organized, with the expressed approval of the Archbishop. We meet tomorrow for transaction of business at 11 o'clock; and at 79 Pall Mall. This morning to my great satisfaction I introduced myself to Sir John Patteson in King's Bench Walks. We had a good deal of conversation: and purpose much more. With much pleasure I found that the course which I had decided on taking with regard to my claim to a seat in Convocation entirely met his approval. The Bishop of Cape Town, as you are aware, had made that claim on his own behalf, formally and expressly. In this I shall not follow his example because his single case will suffice to raise the question, and to draw forth some decision upon it. In order however to prevent damage to the cause I purpose to write to the Archbishop, previously to the day of Meeting to say that as the assertion of such a claim, on the part of the Colonial Bishops collectively, might awaken jealousy and create alarm I forbear to urge mine at present: but think it right to notify to his (sic) Grace that I am not to be understood as surrendering the title, but as retaining a right to bring it forward, if upon legal advice, or upon the resolution of Convocation itself, the claim shall be pronounced to have elgal right for its basis. The question of Supremacy I had not time to enter upon today with Sir John. Last evening at Baron Alderson's I met your brother Justice Coleridge and had some little conversation with him. On Shrove Tuesday I am to dine with him: and he kindly offered to give me a seat by him in the Queen's Bench on Monday when Newman is brought up for sentence. But this will be prevented by the necessity of

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attending to another engagement which on my arrival here about 2 hours ago I found had been made for me during my absence. I had a curiosity to witness the proceeding: but perhaps upon second thoughts it is as well that I should not appear. My inclination seems rather to lean towards taking lodgings somewhere in the Marylebone region; perhaps in the New Road or some of the Streets not very far from Park Crescent. I went as you desired to Richmond and gave him a sitting. The next is to be at $\frac{1}{4}$ past 2 next Monday...

P.S. I had a visit yesterday from Sir Harry Dukinfield and was quite pleased with the tone of affection and respect in which he spoke of Dr Keate.