Rossville 23d November 1847

My dear Sally

You will have learnt before now that your letter of the 9th did not reach Sydney before I came away. It did not come until the Wednesday after, at the same time with that which you wrote on Sunday the 14th. It was not put into the post till some days after it was dated. They both reached me at Berrima and relieved my mind very much: for I had been inconceivably uneasy at not hearing again from you. The account you give of the poor little boy is still very far from being satisfactory: but I trust in God that he will be preserved to us. I am sorry you have been obliged to give him so much calomel; as he may feel the effect of it, if he be in, in his constitution afterwards. If you were to cut one of the pills which you have (I suppose it) into 8 or 10 pieces, and let him take one or

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two with his food, Arrow-root or any thing of that sort he would not know it: and you would find I think that it would act much better than giving him much medicine at once It must have been I am sure a great trial to you all to see the little fellow so ill: but I do most heartily pray that he may ere now have made much progress towards recovery. If you send your letters to Mr James he will know where to forward them to. Every body here almost has this influenza: but I have quite escaped it: and hope that you also have quite rid of it: and hope that you also have quite got the better of your attack. Mr & Mrs Charles Cooper came over to Church on Sundays at Goulburn. He has had a very bad fit of it accompanied with a most tormenting pain in the eyes and forehead. She gives me so poor an account of the Campbells, especially George and Mr Jeffreys that I do not know whether it will do for me to stay a night there: though I hope to be there next Tuesday. At any rate I shall call and see them. This afternoon I am going to Mr Edenborough's (12 miles) and sleep there tomorrow to Mr Cartwright's at Gunning: Thursday to Yass: remain there Friday. Saturday and Sunday at Burrowa: Tuesday Limestone Plains: Wednesday Queanbeyan: Thursday Bungendore: Friday to Tuesday the 7th Dec at or near Braidwood: return to Goulburn on the 11th & remain to the 15th: 16th to Berrima 17th Myrtle Creek: 18th & 19th Campbell Town: 20th Parramatta: 21st Sydney. We have gone on without any mischance hitherto and hope that we shall so continue. The only complaint I have is a Stye on my left eye which makes it feel very stiff and sore. I am not sure whether during my next visit to Goulburn, that is between the 12th & 15th of

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December I may not be called on to marry
Frank Rofs to Miss Sowerby. These two I believe
are quite agreeable: but am not sure that
Captain R. is quite ready to give his consent
as soon: as he thinks they have not enough to
make it prudent for them to marry yet. We
Holdens must be under some error as to the
sort of blind that I mean to put to the Church
windows. It will not make it any darker.
In the mean time if there should come a
hail storm and knock all the windows at
the East end, I do not know how they are
ever to be repaired. I should wish to have the
boys and Rose when I get back to Sydney. The
Bishop of Newcastle will certainly come to
Sydney: but it is not likely that any of the others
will: indeed I should say certainly not. As
nearly as we can judge he will not be here till
the beginning of next year: so when I get home
I must stay there till he comes; and could not
engage to fetch you home till after that. I cannot
tell you how anxious I am to hear from you again
God bless & preserve you all. I am my dear wife
Your most affectionate husband W. G: Australia