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Melbourne

Port Phillip, June 7/50

My dear Bishop of Sydney,

In my letter of Tuesday
I omitted two things, which I
ought to have recollectcd; viz. first,
to express the great regret which I
afterwards felt at not having
read the copy of your Minute
respecting Mr Russell, which you
offered to put into my hands
at Albany. At the time I thought
that you fully approved of my con-
tinuing him, and therefore I did
not wish to have my mind disquieted
by the painful retrospect of his
past conduct. Afterwards however
The Right Reverend
The Lord Bishop of Sydney.

I reflected, that I ought not to have
thanked you from the perusal of ~~any~~
~~a document~~ ^{a document}, which would have
informed me more fully of your
Lordship's sentiments concerning
him;—and, since our late corres-
pondence has shown that you
did not mean to express the full
concurrence which I understood
you to do in our conversation
together at Albury, I have been
the more disappointed with myself
on that account. Secondly, I
omitted in my last to thank you
for the authority, which you give
me, in case I should find an
opening for employing Mr

Beauclerk with a hope of use-
fulness, ~~in~~ doing it avowedly
with your concurrence.
An intimate friend in England
strongly warned me, after my
appointment, against the
introduction of Irishmen into
my Diocese. It has happened, that
I ~~should~~ have an undue
proportion of them; and certainly
although they possess many
valuable qualities, and are
often times truly faithful and
zealous men, I can understand
the ground of my friend's caution:
for there is in almost all of them
more or less of a wrong-headedness,

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if I may so call it, which is continually
bringing them into difficulties
and putting them in a false position.
I would not say so much to me
of themselves; but I am, that
I feel very thankful when I can
secure the services of a sound
sensible sober-minded Englishman.

That the Lord may graciously
direct us both, and perhaps
to make us more and more
efficient labourers in our
respective posts, is the fervent
prayer of, my dear Bishop
of Sydney,
John Alfred Latta
brother in Christ,
O. Melbourne.