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My dear Coleridge

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 a copy of as soon as I shall be in my power. But tomorrow I must have it with me to submit to a Convention

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 satis-  
faction I introduced myself  
to Sir John Patteson in King's  
Bench Walks. We had a good  
deal of conversation; and purposed  
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, has made <sup>for his own behalf</sup> that claim,  
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 purposed 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, ought awaken jealousy  
and

and create a alarm. I forbear to  
urge him at present: but think  
it right to notify to his 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  
its self, the claim shall be pronounced  
to have legal right for its basis.

The question of Supremacy, I had  
not time to enter upon to day  
with Sir John. Last evening at  
Baron Alderson's I met your  
brother Justin (Oleridge) and  
had some little converse with  
him

him. On Throue 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  
attending to another engagement  
which on my arrival here about  
two hours ago I found had been  
made for me ~~here~~ during my  
absence: I had a curiosity to  
witness the proceedg, but perhaps  
upon second thoughts ~~perhaps~~ it is  
as well that I should not appear.  
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My inclination seems rather  
to lean towards taking lodgings  
somewhere in the Manglebone  
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. Believe me  
to be My dear Coleridge  
Sincerely & affectionately yours

W. G. Liddon

P.S. Had a visit yesterday from Mr  
Harry Dakenfield, and was quite  
pleased with the tone of affection and  
respect in which he spoke of Dr. Keate.