

Woburn. Gt. Swan Post. 7<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> Mo 1838

My dear Brother  
Thomas Cotton.

I have but now (12 o'clock P.M.) rec<sup>d</sup> a letter per vessel. from Hobart Town. which has been a fortnight on her way. and by this letter am informed of the shipment of 2 bales of wool on board the ferry. Capt. Kemp. - J. Petree says. "he will forward the bills of Lading. when we have sent up the boxes of curiosities". but on referring to the Hobart Town boarder now before me, I see the mail by the ferry closes this evening at 8 o'clock. as however vessels frequently stay here 5 days or a week longer than they advertise for. there is a bare probability that this letter which will be in Town on 2<sup>nd</sup> day morning. may be in time to reach her.

I forbear sending by this letter the duplicate of a bill of Exchange sent home in the Duckenfield. The following is however a copy

£ 100

Hobart Town. 21<sup>st</sup> of 10<sup>th</sup> Mo 1838

Thirty days after sight pay this my second bill of Exchange (the first being unpaid) to Thomas Cotton Jun<sup>r</sup>. the sum of <sup>one</sup> Hundred Pounds, sterling, value received, and place the same to my account

To (Signed) Abraham Charles Flower

Peter Bedford

Steward Street. Union Street.

London

This money I have advanced to A. C. Flower with the advice of J. Backhouse in a sum of fifty pounds, and a promissory note for £75. 10. payable on receiving advice of the bill exchange being paid by Peter Bedford. to whom A. C. F. has forwarded a power of attorney to receive a legacy of some 300 £.

I have rec<sup>d</sup> letters per Pretomart & Thomas Harrison those by the dearful & Evelyns I acknowledge the

receipt of Mr. Dr. Story's letter for Dutchfield. I have also received a letter for Sarah containing a duplicate copy of my being reinstated in membership.

Saml. Cook is still with us. I was expecting his Mother would furnish him with a small capital, sufficient to enable him to commence farming in a small way, a business every way conducive to the health of a person of such a habit of body as his; and besides such an employ would be likely to strengthen his moral principles, which I am afraid are so weak, as not yet to be able to withstand the continuation of a Town. It is not convenient to us that he should stay any longer, and I have given him a hint to that effect, our Family is a large one and demands our care in the first place, and if his Mother will do nothing for him, he must of course get a livelihood by some means; he has been with us very near 8 months, he has just recd the first letter (though it appears to be the second sent one) from his Sister Sarah.

You will be so kind as give my love to Peter and thank him for his kind letter, I quite intend to write him shortly, You mayst tell him, I think he should inform Friends of Lewis & Lechesters shortly, respecting that Josephus Pollard, quite unexpected & unknown to any one of his Friends, was snarred by business on the 29<sup>th</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> Mo. the same was taken on the other affecting books, last month he says he has rec<sup>d</sup> intelligence of the death of his first wife but declines as I understand shewing the letter. This step on his part is truly lamentable, for he was one that I have no doubt, had witnessed unfeigned repentance, and had felt that his past sins were blotted out, through faith in the atoning blood of Jesus, and his conduct & conversation were every way agreeable thereunto, but by some means he has got off the watch tower, and has become overcome of temptation, I am afraid, that in him the Scripture will be fulfilled, "The last state of that man was worse than the first".

You must excuse my not alluding to many things in this letter. it is uncertain whether it may be shipped, as if it comes not in time for shipment I shall direct Petrov to detain it.

I have been intending to write of a long time & expected Petrov would have advised us months ago of this shipment & I have been waiting to receive word of him. He advises me of the shipment of 2 bales of wool. The marks are not mentioned but I expect they will be as before. The true weights.

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About 3 mo. ago I told the Surgical Instrument on a bill for 4 cells at 20 or 25 per best advance. I forget which. The other things remain as before. I also saw Wilson's disputed account to the utmost farthing. He denying ever having any of Ward's Goods.

Our friends J. B. & G. W. W. were to sail on the 3<sup>d</sup> of last month for Norfolk Island. in company with St. Wheeler. The Editor of the Tasmanian fired a broadside at them just previous to their leaving this land. however, he sadly missed his mark. Our friends were preserved above his malice. & the public in general. & some of the newspapers condemned him. I have no word from the story about the house or Mitchell Plain. but suppose it will be told before the arrival of this. Our love & sympathy to our friend Mr. Peacock. The sudden removal of his wife would be a great & severe trial. but how would this trial be increased had he no well grounded hope that all is well with her.

I'm my way home from Hobart town with my wife I met with a severe sprain in my foot. in crossing the river which laid me by for several weeks. our horse was also taken ill on the road and died in 2 days.

Our cattle have still continued to die since my last letter we have lost about 6 additional, but it is a general complaint scarcely a person in our District but has lost some we have sent about 30 head to Mr. Lyons who has a large marsh of 1500 acres. nearly called a Lagoon from its being under water in winter. I have mentioned him in one of my letters

as a friend of Robinson the Broker. Our Harvest is pretty good this year. may we be thankful for this and all other mercies. I have many things to write about & intend to write very shortly. You must excuse the brevity of the letter or of the remarks as I expect the Postman to call for it directly. Therefore have only time to add that we are thankful that the blessing of health has not been withheld from us and trust that you also have been partakers of this one

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valuable blessing. Therefore conclude with dear love to all Friends & relations not of course forgetting our dear Parents & myself & so I remain

My affectionate Brother  
Francis Cotton

Our love to all our Friends particularly those named in my letters. but have not time to name them

Excuse had written