

there, I justify they had seen too much of him already, and if innocent he would be sure to leave the Colony as soon as possible, so they could be none the better and might be a little the worse for keeping up the maintenance. As for the money given away, the Catholic and Lady Grey's school returned £20 to the bank immediately, the former calling on others to follow their example, a call which no one answered I believe.

Still parties for and against ran high. The Ladies & a woman raved for his innocence, and railed at the Attorney Genl and the Bank in no measured terms. Montague himself wrote letters to the Monitor full of scorn for his fair weather friends, and I confess to ^{having thought} ~~thinking~~ him ill used and imprisoned on very insipient evidence. Being then in George I heard nothing but what the papers chose to tell which was very little. Henderson never mentioned the subject after having filled letters with his praises, and Barington agreed with me in thinking the less said the better.

I now find that Hedley went to him, offering to bail him

226 to any amount if he would give him any evidence
that he was the man he professed to be, "Legal proof," he said
"I know is wanting, show me any letter antedated to
your arrival here, or even your true name, any
evidence in fact that will satisfy a gentleman as
offered to a lawyer," and he could not.

He then wrote to Lady Grey saying that her brother
in law had given him a letter to Sir George which he
had torn up finding him up country, and begging her
to identify him, which kind office he declined. He
then came news of a vast swindle in Ceylon by
a small lame Jew calling himself Montepion, with
marks identifying him with the swindler. And later
still news from home disavowing the signatures and
virtually settling the question. He is still in limbo,
but will probably get off from the improbability of
Barney sending out prosecutors for a case in which
he has sustained no injury. Thompson tells ^{me} he has five
times played the same game before, at Newfoundland
Ceylon, Canada & elsewhere, and it is imagined that

He was only keeping his land in here for a grand Court in India. - Among his dearest friends may be included Capt Robinson R.A. Capt Murray 80th Regt. Capt Salmon 60th Rifles. Henslowe and Godfrey 73rd. Pilkington, Hedley, and Charles Reade. Light as unbecomly men to have run after money as can be found, a fact which makes me wonder if there is any truth in it when they tell me that

"It is all very fine you talking of keeping aloof.

"Everyone ran after him and so would you if you

"had been here. - As for Pops & Co they only lost \$80

and have every reason to thank old Boden for his kind-
-help in carrying him away, as they assure me they would have given him \$10,000 and been well satis-
-fied with his bills worthley as they were.

Thurs April 24th. Morning Service and news from the
Stewarts afterwards that the 73rd are under orders for
the frontier, and are to be on board H.M.S. Castor to-
-morrow night. So the emergency is evidently pressing.

Autumn is beginning to show very plainly now, and the
leaves

228 are falling fast. Having been such a dry season
but few flowers are out. The large lobed flowers are
very superb. And the Leucadendrons in full beauty.

Mon. April 28th Spent the greater part of the day in
sketching the house and Church, and writing. Called
on the Steamer and claimed my flower drawings which
are very good & well worth the \$3 which I paid &
which go to Phillipson's endowment fund.

Capt. Wall mentioned a curious fact, viz. that
not only is the English Climate changing fast, but
the same is seen elsewhere, and he speaks in his journal
the ice broken up in March, he staid however still
for Halifax 'til late in April. And the Trade winds
can no longer be relied on at all.

Tues. April 29th I fully intended to go to Town by the
early Steamer but felt too lazy when the time came
that I sent August instead. Sketched, and saw Genl
Walker the Phillipsons being out on a series of calls.
Before long August returned. Several large ships in



Hyndley Passage.

230 But not the Queen. August astonished me by saying
that he had met Feilden's servant in Town and
my letters soon told me the reason. Poor fellow has
become, according to Harrey "weak headed & full
of morbid fancies" and is going home with Paul, &
I am deeply grieved about it though I trust the boys
may let him up. It must be from the confinement
after that horrible Monkey bite. And I remember
thinking him before I left full of Green ideas which
he seemed to try to utter.

Letters from Barrington saying about the
opening of the Geopy Forests. Edward Rex announcing
the departure of a box of Shells & Seeds of the *Stelitzia*
Augusta for me. Opfile writes the *Stink* wood planks.
Passer. Craving me not to forget him as he has no
friends, a rather touching letter. And Harrey with
frontier news, but none of war. P.P.C. Cards from
old Hanslowe and Ward and the list.

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Walked to see old Miss Stenut and spent
a long evening by myself. At Phillipson's dining
at Bishop's Court. I must go in tomorrow and
say if I can be of any use to Feilden.

Wed. April 30th. Went in Town by the early bus with
Phillipson, a strong South Easter blowing. First went
to Bd Y: about 10:30 and then to Parker's where
I found Earl and Feilden, the latter looking quite
well and the same as ever. They were coming out
in search of me having put my name down for a
Cabin in "The Electric", the ship just in; and as we
were anxious to make inquiries first we went to
Mr. Derby's, Granger's, and Dickson's, the result
resulting in an interview with the Skipper of the Electric
at Parker's who is most desirous of taking us in
preference to a family of women and children.

The wind is tremendous, but no time was to
be lost, so buying a boat, we proceeded to Cluff
on Shore for something more suitable
to a wet sail in a South Easter, and while doing

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232 in came back to ask if I had heard about Feilden.

It seems that soon after I left he became quite deranged, proposed to Miss Taylor and a variety of other vagaries which require complete insanity to effect and is sent off home on sick leave. He broke out again on his voyage down and tho' well now, will probably have another bout of it before long.

A terrific sail to the Arctic and facts of symmetrical agility requisite in seeing the ladder. He proved small but comfortable, much carving & fiddling and an undesirable looking doctor in a tunic, sleeping from a handy bottle. He determined to sail back & make up our minds to go in her; Our return and something here to be forgotten for moisture & misery; and we landed on the petty shore dead then alive, meeting all the dust of the Heerey part which speedily caked us in the most horrible manner. Then came the arrangements with the Skipper; that gentleman seemed most anxious to leave us and yet charged us 65# apiece, which is 45 more than Green's Black Ships. & 25 more than

the Grange which is shortly expected, made us
 deliberate and finally decline point blank. off to
 Vanderby's and Hooker's and then seeing one of the
 Volunteer Rifle men pass, determined to wait in the con-
 -me cial room 'til the drill came off. I returning
 to Parker's to replace my bird skins which the steward
 had been to inspect. While there, in came Vanderby
 himself to offer a reduction of \$5 each and detain
 the ship two days if we wished. Declined again, and
 then through all the misery of a South Easter to the Castle
 and Banceles, but no Life Corps. The wind detained
 them so I fear I shall not ^{long} that efficient & pleasant
 force "the Redoubt Miniblers", at all. I forgot to men-
 -tion calling with Phillipson at the Vestry to see the
 Bishop and warn him to have his parcel ready in
 case I want of the Aetha. He loved me for not coming
 to the dinner on Tuesday, and asked me to dine
 next at Bishop's court tomorrow as a last time.

Aldrich came in the evening. and Rawson
 and Major Hope to dinner. Called with Paul & Golden

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