

'capital'. The thing was well got up; flags, triumphal arches, and all the rest, selon les règles; great crowds of people went to see the sight, such as had never been seen congregated in Hobart Town streets before. On the evening of the day that this took place a demonstration of the 'Native youths' and others took place, against Transportation. There was a great bon-fire on Knocklofty and Lord Grey was burnt in effigy. Certain parties unknown burnt Sir William in effigy also, though this had not been intended by those who got up the demonstration. Mr Knight the barrister, whom you may recollect, was present as a spectator during the affair; taking no other part in it than to join in the cheers for the Queen, Sir William Molesworth, and Mr Gregson; which perhaps he had better not have done. A few days after he was, rather needlessly I think, officially called to account for having been present at the meeting; and after a long interview with the Governor, he sent in his resignation of the two Commissionerships which he holds, and also the commission of the peace, in a thundering letter, which will I dare say be published.

I hope you will not forget to visit Fox How when you are in the North; you know I gave you a note to my mother expressly in the hope that you would go there. I wish too you would make my eldest brother's acquaintance, should you have an opportunity. Oddly enough he has been appointed an Inspector of schools! He was to be married at Whitsuntide to a Miss Wightman, daughter of the Judge. I think you would get on together very well.

The Nelson papers are sent to me regularly, so that I have not quite lost sight of that jolly little settlement. It is in a very sound and flourishing condition, owing chiefly to the land being in so many hands; which again is owing in no small degree to the Arbitration between the Company and the land-purchasers (in which I was Company's Arbitrator) which led to the distribution of a number of compensation awards in land scrip. This scrip being freely sold, has led to the excellent result above mentioned. I have written to Bell twice since I left Nelson, but have never heard from him. Weld has gone home; remember me to him if you see him. I heard from Dashwood the other day; he is still at 'Taikowaike'. Do you remember the walk we took together from Budge's along the Boulder Bank to the Bluff, and the singular grotto that we discovered?

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I must close this letter, for it is late on Sunday night, and the 'Auriga' sails tomorrow morning. May all success attend you my dear Collinson, and may God bless you, wherever you go, and whatever you do. Do not quite forget

your sincere friend
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