

Crown Point

5.8.97

My dear Professor.

Only about two lines to tell you I am on my way back at last & to apologize for not writing before but I have steadfastly set my mind against all business of that kind in the City so I know you will excuse me. They humbugged me terribly all the last part of my time down South owing to the witnesses clearing from 1st Aug^r but we got them close to Parachilna & back in time & the result was 10 years hard. The Judge made many complimentary remarks

• ordered the Sheriff to award me
£10 thereby making me feel
dashed & uncomfortable but it
will please the father. I feel
certain it is filled I have to
thank for calling the attention
of the authorities to my brilliancy
for I had an official memo sent
to me for perusal after going
from Min^r of Education to Chief
Sec^y etc etc. & it stated "I have
been privately informed". I turned
loose all the time I could in
between times so have left
the City Vultures battenning on
my feathers & have left un-
-done all that I should have
done but never mind - for a
time at least I was in Melb-
bourne perpetually haunted
by a tribe of admiring Cousins
(Melbourne item from Hammerdene to C. W.)

Poor old Hinneke looked haggard
& worried & would be all the better
for a change outside somewhere.
I did not see Hartland as I left
the day before Calvert people's
funeral. Pado is looking very
well & we mutually agreed that
Adelaide was a hole & Victoria
the only place to go to - I stayed
with him two days & got here
last night. candles not over
gay as they have been indulg-
ing their cannibalishen
tastes on one another & in
consequence are mighty laze.
I am taking up your Mr. Dr
another registered parcel for
Gillen who is sending a box
to meet me at the Bend -
By the way I hear Sargant
& Jane have fallen out again

she has a black eye & is now
camped on the opposite side of
the Creed awaiting my arrival
to put everything straight & I
am now scheming to find
out how I am going to sneak
past - I think I will tell her
Mrs Ross would like her to spend
a month or two with her but I
won't do to tell this to Mrs C Point
who wishes to be very kindly
remembered to you. & here is the
mail - with all to good wishes
to Mrs Spencer & yourself.
Believe me
Yours very sincerely,
C. E. Coole