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for Royal Charter

87 Collins Street
Melbourne 13 January 1857Mr Wm Jones
Lybcock
or AmbroseBangor
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My Dear Sir I plead guilty to great remissness
in not having more frequently written you
but the truth is I was expecting you to return
long ago this, as however, you do not seem
to make your second appearance in this
golden country. Embrace this favourable
opportunity of sending a few lines just
to show you that I am still alive, and
remaining in my old neighbourhood
in Collins St. I am removed somewhat
down the street, and have a good large
store immediately facing the Bank of
Australia, where I carry on much the
same kind of business as when you left -
I have no reason to complain of the
state of my affairs - nor of the amount
of trade which I get through.
Business is pretty brisk in Australia
just at this time, and quite as much so
is being got as at the time of your departure
in fact the quantity got in 1856 was much
greater than in any one year previous.

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Dallacatis not quite so lively as when you left still the quantity of gold per Escoot is larger than from any other gold fields - Many New Leads have been hit during 1856 and they are now talking of more New ones -

Palmer has been home and got married and has just returned with a blooming Birmingham lass, - Thomas Middleton has now three daughters, and is busy manufacturing more - Stoney has not married and has just got a son -

Ashling of the golden gate has been very poorly, but is now better - Carry Dickson has been very unlucky, and about four months ago rushed off to New Digging on the Sydney side, which you would probably read account of in the papers - No word has been heard from him since he left - and I fear something has befallen him. - Eckersall is flourishing again better than ever -

and as for poor Holland he has been very unfortunate ever since you left, he is now at the Caledonia Digging about 20 miles from Melbourne and keeps a small Store and Bakery - His good lady Mrs Holland was in town last week making purchases, and she wants

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Mr Holland to come again to town -
 Share has not been seen or heard
 of since you left and fears are entertained
 that something has befallen him - I store
 Lord John Russell keeps a small store
 at Dryers Creek - Stevenson is Parting
 good by to the Diggins - and so is third
 mate real, Miss Buckhams sweetheart,
 Both the Miss Buckhams are
 married, and doing justice to their
 husbands. - I should like much to hear from
 you when you have any leisure, and tell
 me what you think of old Wales since
 your return - Have you been to Dolgelly
 my favorite spot? - I have for
 from several parties that he is coming
 out again, as such the case? If
 you see him please present my kindest
 regards - Seth Evans have never
 seen or heard of since you left here -
 But I must draw to a close, hoping
 you are married, and have two or three
 thumping little Jones's running about your
 knees, and with the compliments of the Seaman,
 best wishes for your welfare
 I am My Dear Mr Jones,
 Your Sincere friend
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Care of Mr David Jones
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