Victoria, Jan. 13, 1844 (Mr. Ross)

Dear Doctor,

I was in Adelaide two or three days ago when Mr. King informed me that he had written you two or three times on the subject of your lands because I thought it strange you had not received the letter. He promised me to write you in a day or two. I asked him particularly as to the receipt of the original land papers which you sent him. He informed me they came safe to hand. I thought the ladies were in proper and must accept this responsibility for decisions: He employed one of the best lawyers he could find to attend to them. He thought one of the cases would be decided by the Supreme Court. This letting

Do I have no doubt will give you all the particulars which will give you full satisfaction. That which you will the most believe about. You will see the papers, one safe. You will have to weight public for the decision of the Court.

Lands are going up here. The whole country is pretty. Land is just breaking. A good land, $2000 fee. The Rocks of the Rocks soon will be worth five dollars per acre. Land on the Murrumbidgee River is worth from five to ten dollars per acre. It is not improved, any way. They appear to have an up and down tendency,

John Andrews, my self and others in this County purchasing cattle. We yesterday got $80 from one Mr.
I came to this place from the Con Antonio River to get $1,500 in gold to pay front on the contract. The man being not willing to take anything but gold in return, I have just been so in getting it. I will return to Con Antonio River tomorrow, and take 27 pounds of gold to low color. I then
Andrew are looking at other stock. In my absence, I have heard of two or three hundred heads, on the north side of this river, which I will take in my way tomorrow to try to purchase them. I got 200 new of four year old for $12 each, 60 stock, they fancy at $12. With the privilege of taking all I may select from the stock, after the 200 comes out at the rate. I select them in four, five to seven, thousands. Over Colver, Deepwood, for four fairs or $10 for those is about the average price. Choice is going down. That is the sale. There
Among purchasers for the California Market, I would hot be surprised that fifty thousand head cattle be driven from this state this season. I hear of four or six purchasers in our vicinity. We will not be able to get off stock at a reasonable price. I have left their cattle before the 10th. More
stall, I send this in haste, in case after
might, make a running move to picking up my gold to me. Show this to Allen as he knows
the location to know how I am getting along.
Remember me to all my friends.
Yours truly,
Michael Erthine.