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GEORGE MARTIN

✓ Copy of letter 29 Oct. 1836

Letter written by George Martin to 'My dearest Mary' [his wife] and a copy of a 'location' extract of a grant of 800 acres.

The letter refers to his voyage out from Dartmouth, U.K. as captain of the schooner 'John Firie' which later traded between Kangaroo Island, S.A. and Hobart. On arrival at Kangaroo Island he joined 'together two couple in Holy Matrimony', one being Mr Stephens 'our manning' [Samuel Stephens (1808 - 1840), colonial manager of the South Australian Co., who married Charlotte Hudson Beare on 24 Sept. 1836]

The letter also describes Hobart, as compared with his first voyage there - 'all the place from around Battery Point around old Knopwood's place is made a fine wharf where ships lay alongside to load and unload'. He refers to the Roberts family: Roberts now dead and Mrs Roberts, with her daughters Caroline and Betsy keep a respectable boarding school for young ladies, Robert Roberts married to Miss Sherwin. Martin's sons Robert and George were to start school with Mr Giblin's father at Newtown.

(Modern ms. copy; 4 papers)

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