

TRANSCRIPTION: FRANCIS AUGUSTUS HARE'S LETTER TO MRS EMILY

JOSEPHINE SMITH, 21ST JULY 1880.

Rupertswood

Sunbury

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My dear Mrs. Smith

When I last saw you I little thought that I should not again visit your place for such a length of time but here I am doing the invalid at Sunbury I told you that the Kellys would be taken within five miles of your house, but I did not call in for breakfast as I said I would, as I had to go for a Dr. instead. How glad you must be that the ruffians are swept off the face of the Earth, not that they did you any harm, but still it is not pleasant to have them in your neighbourhood who thought as little of taking life as we do of shooting a quail.

My chief object in writing to you is to tell you that Mrs. Clarke sent you an invitation to her ball at my request – she desires me to say she hopes that you will not think it rude of her sending you an invitation without having the pleasure of yr. acquaintance., Now mind you come, you will see everybody in Melbourne there. I fancy there will be 7 or 800 people in the room. Don't shut yourselves up like hermits but take advantage of any little fun you can get. The train is close to your door, & it is no trouble to you to run down to town.

With kind regards to your husband believe me

Ever yrs. Very sincerely

Francis Hare