

Rev^d Thomas Scott M.A.

Barometel

Auckland

New Zealand

A x R R Scott
Cranberry
Shelf
27/7/72

You will
soon hear again
I can't see
you as I will
be with you
before I can
hear
of
scope
arrived
at
Glasgow
27/7/72
March the

My dearest Father,

I am thank God
a free man once more
Although I have been convicted
of the crime of obtaining Money
under false pretences I am
innocent And I can prove
such when we meet again
I was doing very well at the
time of my arrest I had
purchased a wreck at New
Caledonia on which I made
a good deal With some
part of the cargo I made
an exchange for a small
craft and acted as her captain

I went a long ⁽²⁾ voyage round
the islands and got a good deal
of profitable trade. I acknowledge
I did smuggle a good deal
in Queensland. I had a partner
a German Caunt Geldern I
sent him several hundred pounds
worth to Sydney and desired him
to forward to you £250. He
wrote and told me so. He did
He went down to the Thames
and spent some money
in gold shares. He was to
send me some money.

We were worth £2550

I purchased a Barque the
Celestia for £1500 and had
engaged to go to Rockhampton

with coal⁽³⁾ and thence to
load with bones to Auckland
intending to spend Christmas
with you and be enabled to
improve your position in every
way at the time I expected
to be owner of the Celestia and
be pretty well off. I had
£750 pounds in the Bank
of my own. When I came
to Sydney Geldren came from
Auckland forged on me for
nearly all I had (since
I found that the Garry Buller
& Hudson Williamson had in
Auckland made extensive
forgeries and had to leave

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Auckland Gelden was a
most accomplished forger as
I have found to my cost
He was one of the highest

Commissioner at the Thames
and ever drew on you in
Sydney to a good amount
as fold Commissioner he thought
you were J W. When
I stopped he got the money
to pay the bills and did not
do so but brought one forged
Receipts the day ~~was taken~~
~~Sydney the day~~ ~~was taken~~
with £4000 Sovereigns and a
draught with £5000

General the result of this clever
~~top #~~ ⁽⁵⁾ delay Fortunately ^{ph}
for me when I left Victoria ^{6/11}
I had left shares in a gold
claim and had a share in
a horse of yandey Crooks called
Saladin who won £300 last ^{del}
week in Victoria racing pool
I am not therefore at all
satisfied with But I intend
going to Melbourne just steamer
which will leave this before
this letter leaves for you as
this Colony is no longer a safe
place for me a man once
convicted the police who
are all professional perjurers
would swear any thing against him

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The Corvid Blood is in
 the population nothing will
 efface it This Colony is a
 fearful place for crime within
 the last few days (I will
 send you a paper) a series
 of most dreadful murders
 have been discovered in
 Sydney every one is excited
 about the affair It is believed
 that hundreds are missing
 and that there is a large gang
 of murderers yet at large
 A Friendly lecture advised
 me to leave this as the Freeman
 body were very strong and felt
 had poisoned their minds against
 me

Believe me dearest Father I am
a steady man now. Although
I feel a little odd at liberty after
16 months in jail I got off 3
months for good conduct
I am in the greatest haste and
only have a few minutes to write

I trust you are all well
and that you are all happy
together you cannot believe how
anxious I am to see you all again
love dearest mother my kindest
and best love and dear Willie
use them of the strength of

My affection May God
bless and keep you all. is
the prayer of your ever affectionate
son who has been treated ^{badly} but now
triumphs God by God Bless you
your ever affectionate son
Ally Scott

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P. J. Gordon
8/5/72

I hereby certify that L. W. Brown
has done everything in his power
to withstand ~~the~~ intrusion and
the taking away of the money
which was done with firearms

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Captain Moonlight

Serjeant

Coram Barry
R. Scott

24/7/72

x R Sheriff

Coram Barry 24 July 1872
Duke's 960 P. J. Gordon



25.5.69
J. M. G.

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72. 20 + R P. S. Scott
arrived
per 25/11

Lunatic Asylum Parramatta
February 10th 1872

Sir

In reply to your communication "Re Andrew George Scott" of the 9th Instant I have the honor to inform you that he is not now an inmate of the Parramatta Criminal Lunatic Asylum. He was admitted here from Waitland Gaol on the 17th February 1871 for obtaining property under false pretences and was discharged to Parramatta Gaol on the 16th of last June. The report forwarded with him described him as affected with delusionary insanity reputed to be hereditary and fancying that his food was poisoned he would eat nothing but potatoes. His occupation was set down as a Civil Engineer.

From what transpired immediately after his arrival it is my opinion that he must have been feigning insanity for the purpose of getting transferred from Gaol to the asylum it being well known to prisoners that from the moment they succeed in getting themselves recognized as Lunatics and ^{sent} put here punishment for ill conduct or compulsory work cannot be enforced;

G. J. Sly Esquire
Solicitor
Sydney

while the idea is also current among them that escape
is more practicable on account of the total absence
of weapons on the part of the Officers of the Institution

He discovered no dread of poisoned food here but
accepted his whole rations without hesitation and
continued to eat them until he returned to Gaol

I never considered him insane but an artful
designing and unprincipled Criminal ready to
join in any scheme of fraud or ruffianly violence
that had a chance of success

I never remember his speaking of the Egerton
Bank Robbery but once and that was to deny his
implication in the crime. When he was removed
from here he had but a few months to serve; but
whether the term has now fully expired or in
what Gaol he served the remainder of his sentence
I am not in a position to say

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant
Edw. Wardley M. B. C. S. J.
Superintendent

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Statement annexed to Indictments and proceedings
in Scott's cases at the Clerk of the Peace's Office Sydney
Mr. Dillon can prove that on the 29 November (the
day Scott was arrested) Scott engaged him as sailing
Master for a Yacht that he Scott was purchasing
- he accompanied Scott to Eckroyd's in Woolloomooloo
and Scott bought the Yacht "Why not" Scott
giving a cheque for it on Union Bank - he had
previously accompanied Scott to Miss Horner's
Hotel and obtained 3 Boxes Scott's luggage and
left them at a public House at Woolloomooloo
near where the Yacht was lying - it was
arranged that he Dillon should take charge of
the Yacht at 11 o'clock same night - Scott said
he was going out to Burwood to fetch in a lady
and they would proceed to sea about 4 o'clock the
next morning - about 1/2 past 7 that night Scott
was arrested & he passed me his pocket book
and a small pistol which I gave to Detective
Bowden - the box produced is one of the Boxes
that Scott fetched from Miss Horner and
was given by me to Detective Bowden with two
others

x R R Scott
Crawshaw 25/7/12
July

A R Scott
Cowan Barry 25/1/47
Jenny

3 Tuckery Chambers 112 Pitt Street
Sydney New South Wales

Wednesday 28th Feby 1872

L W. J. Bruun Esq

Church of England Grammar School

Geelong Victoria

Dear Sir

Re Andrew George Scott

I have had considerable trouble in making inquiries with reference to this person, and I have, I think, obtained sufficient information to raise a reasonable presumption of his guilt; or at any rate, to show that his character is such, that he would not scruple to do the act for

which up to the present time no one has been punished

Any fire-arms that Scott had in Sydney were at the time of his arrest by Joseph C Bowden (then a Detective in the Sydney Police Force) in the custody of

the Sheriff under a Writ of execution against Scott's goods

with the exception of one small pistol

Bowden the Detective, who was present at the Sheriff's sale, described to me the pistols sold - there was no large pistol in any way answering the description of the one referred to in your letter and the extracts you sent me

You will perceive by copy of a letter to me enclosed of date 10 Feby last from Mr Wardley the Superintendent of the Parramatta Criminal Lunatic

Asylum that Scott was apparently not insane, but for reasons stated on that letter feigned insanity.

In December 1869 Scott sold $129\frac{14}{100}$ oz of gold to the Royal Mint Sydney - this, you will perceive, is only a few months after the Egerton robbery - He received for this gold a cheque signed by Mr C Elouis the Deputy Master of the Sydney Mint for £503. 6. 1 and with this said cheque he opened an a/c at the Union Bank Sydney - Mr Raymond the manager of that Bank is aware that Mr Elouis' cheque, with which Scott opened his a/c, was the proceeds of the sale of some gold through the mint. Mr Raymond on an explanation of the circumstances to him was good enough to hand me an a/c copied from the Bank's books a copy of which I enclose. In handing it to me that gentleman informed me that Scott after drawing out the whole of the £503. 6. 1 by various cheques the last of which for £31 was paid on 11th Feb'y 1870, Scott's two cheques for £20 each were presented and refused payment - a sum of £40 was then lodged to his credit on 4th April and the cheques presented again and paid - Several of the subsequent cheques were in a similar way presented and refused - the £30 of date June 4th was deposited and the cheques presented again and paid. In a Report of Detective Bowden for the information of the

Clerk of the Peace he states that the Bank had an account of thirteen dishonored cheques since Scott closed his ac - the ac having been finally closed by cheque of £1 on 14 Nov 1870, Scott obtained various sums from different persons on his cheques on this Bank, for some of which he was prosecuted for obtaining money under false pretences

By the papers in Scott's cases now at the office of the Clerk of the Peace Sydney I find the following particulars as to the five cases in which Scott was committed for trial

on 6th December 1870 he was committed from the Water Police Court Sydney to take his trial at the Quarter Sessions Darlinghurst Sydney on 19th December 1870 for obtaining by means of false pretences on 28th Novr then last from George Rapes and William Shaw outfitters of Sydney £4 with intent to defraud by means of a valueless cheque on the Union Bank Sydney on the same date (6 Decr 1870) he was also committed from the Water Police Court Sydney to take his trial at the same Sessions for obtaining by means of false pretences on 28th Novr then last from William Foy goods to the value of £4 with intent to defraud on same date he was also committed to take his trial at the same Sessions for obtaining on

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28th Nov then last from Nicholas James McKenzie,
10/- with intent to defraud - Scott gave McKenzie a
cheque on the Union Bank for £13 in settlement of
Ac due for £12. 11. 6 and McKenzie gave him 10/-
change - the cheque was of course valueless

Scott was also committed for trial on same date
to same sessions for obtaining by means of false
pretences on 28th Nov then last from Olyza Jane Horner
Hotelkeeper £1 by means of a valueless cheque on the
Union Bank

He was also committed for trial on same date to
same sessions for obtaining by false pretences from
Charles Kelsey on 25th Nov then last £4 with intent to
defraud by means of a valueless cheque on the Union
Bank Sydney

Scott was tried on 20 Decr 1870 at the Quarter
Sessions Darlinghurst in Jop's case and convicted and
sentenced to imprisonment with hard labor in
Maitland Gaol for twelve months

In Kelsey's case he first pleaded not guilty, then
subsequently withdrew his plea and pleaded guilty, and
was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment with hard
labor in Maitland Gaol - these sentences appear to have
been concurrent, so that he was really only sentenced
to 18 months imprisonment in all - He having thus

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been found guilty in two cases, the other three cases were not proceeded with

It appears by a statement attached to Indictment and proceedings (a copy of which statement I enclose) that he had arranged to go out to sea in the Yacht "Why not" at 4 o'clock in the morning of 30 Nov 1870 - on 29th Nov he purchased this Yacht and paid for it with a cheque on the Union Bank (he then as appears by the ac given me by the manager of that Bank having no money there) - he was however arrested at 1/2 past 7 on the evening of the 29th

You will see by Mr Wardley's letter that Scott was admitted to the Criminal Lunatic Asylum Parramatta on 17th Feby 1871 and discharged from that place on 16th June 1871 - he was thus four months in this Asylum. From this four months observation Mr Wardley, a gentleman having daily experience with Criminals, gives Scott the character of an artful designing and unprincipled criminal ready to join in any scheme of fraud or ruffianly violence that had a chance of success.

Scott sold the gold to the mint giving his name as George Scott - He also opened his ac at the Union Bank in the name of George Scott - Mr George McDonald however a clerk from that Bank

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in his evidence at the Water Police Court Sydney identified
Scott who was proceeded against as Andrew George
Scott as the person who had opened the ac at the
Bank with the cheque for £503.6.1 on 31 Dec 1869 - this
same Scott was convicted for obtaining property
under false pretences and sentenced to imprisonment
in Macleod Gaol from whence he was removed
to the General Lunatic Asylum Parramatta under
the superintendence of Mr Wardley, and while there
he refers, as appears by Mr Wardley's letter to me, to
the Egerton Bank robbery - Bowden (formerly a Detective
~~now~~ a licensed Publican in Hunter Street in this
City) also told me that Scott admitted to him he
was in Victoria at the time of this Egerton Bank
robbery - there is no doubt therefore that Scott, who
sold the gold to the Sydney mint, and who was
convicted and imprisoned and acted as I have
mentioned in this letter is the same person who was
known as Captain Scott a lay reader at Egerton
at the time of the Bank robbery there in May 1869

It appears to me that - Scott being in Egerton at the
time of the robbery - your statement that it was he
who robbed the Bank - that shortly after the trial
he left the District - that within a few months
afterwards he sold gold to the value of £503.6.1

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to the Sydney Mint - that the quantity of gold so
sold 129 ¹⁴/₁₀₀ oz was only some 34 oz less than the
Bank at Exeter was actually robbed of - the
improbability that a lay reader at Exeter would
have earned over £500 and have that sum in
gold - the finding the revolver, apparently the Bank's,
at Exeter a short time since between the Bank
and the house in which Scott lived at the time of
the robbery - all tend to raise a reasonable
presumption of Scott's guilt

His career in Sydney shows that he would be
quite capable of committing the robbery - we find him
after twice closing his account at the Union Bank
drawing cheques on that Bank - that he was actually
committed to take his trial for passing five different
valueless cheques - that then the Bank had received
notice of thirteen different cheques drawn by him
after he had closed his a/c - that on 29 Nov 1870 he
bought a yacht, paid for it with a valueless
cheque and intended to proceed to sea at 4 o'clock
the next morning - that he was arrested on the
evening of 29th - was tried and convicted for
obtaining money and goods by means of valueless
cheques and sentenced to Imprisonment in
Maitland Gaol with hard labor - that while there he

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deigns insanity - and that from the result of four
months observation by Mr Wardley the Superintendent
of the Criminal Lunatic Asylum, that gentleman
never considered him insane but an artful designing
unprincipled criminal ready to join in any scheme of
fraud or ruffianly violence that had a chance of
success - all these things lead to the conclusion that
he would be quite capable of committing the Egerton
Bank robbery

If there is any further information you
require which is in my power to get I shall
be happy to obtain it for you

I may add that I have taken the trouble I have
wore out of common justice to you, who have
been deeply wronged, than in a professional point
of view and I shall therefore make no
charges against you in the matter

Yours faithfully

George S. Sly

Solicitor

P.S. Since writing the above I have been informed that besides
the goods of Scott seized and sold by the Sheriff there was
a Box (containing amongst other things some Firearms)
that was detained by an Innkeeper where Scott had
resided to secure the payment of money due to him by
Scott - I will make further inquiries as to this and
let you know result in due course 995