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Typewritten letter from J H Stanley to John Shannon - MS W2/2078 - 4 - 20

12th July, 1906

Dear Mr Shannon,

I am in receipt of your favor of the 28th June, contents of which have my best care. As I before wrote you I settled with Gould for your first job, and I gave him an advance of £6 on the second job, which please keep back when sending him a Cheque.

re Windmill. I cannot do better than enclose copy of my letter to the Toowoomba Foundry. I constantly inspected the Mill while in course of erection, and I pointed out an omission, which they rectified. I went out yesterday, and inspected it, and I may say it is doing splendid work. In fact I have never seen one of the Toowoomba Foundry Mills work so well. It is throwing a steady stream of water, just like a direct action Miss would do. On the other hand the troughing wants a Plug, and the Gearing arrangement wants altering.

As regards the Horse Gear I confess I do not like it at all. They have put it in the wrong place, and it may have to be taken up again. I saw the work going on, but I thought it was your own idea to put it there, so I did not care to interfere, but had I known that you wished me to supervise it also I would have stopped putting it there, and had it put on the top side of the Bore. I think they ought to take it up, and re-erect it.

I am sorry to say we had a very severe fire last Sunday. It started with a man called Moore, near Wyreema, and swept the whole of the country right down to Umbiram. It cleaned out my own farms, and it cleaned off the bulk of your grass. I enclose letter that I have written Moore, and I certainly think he ought to put your fences in thorough order. On the other hand, although I have written him sharply on the subject, so as to impress him, I might add that the damage is not very great, and a couple of pounds would cover the whole thing. The wire I noticed in one place was broken, and one or two trees had fallen on the fences. It speaks volumes for the good quality of the wire that in two or three cases I saw where limbs had fallen across the wire without breaking it. Had it been the ordinary black wire it would certainly have snapped. If you do not want your grass just now there is no doubt it is a blessing in disguise, because you will get a magnificent spring of grass, and the fire cleared up a lot of dead wood and rubbish. Speaking of this, is your small Cottage insured? If not, I think it would be well to have it covered, as that part of the paddock was not burnt, but a fire might break out there from the Railway.

I am glad to say we have found some of your missing Cattle, and we have got them in a paddock.

With kind regards,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

(sgd) J. H. Stanley per CE