

LETTER 110

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My dear Dewar,

I've waited patiently for a considerable time to give you a chance to settle up some of the money you owe us for goods supplied. I cannot understand at all why after all your statements about giving me a fair deal, you should refuse to pay for these goods. You gave me distinctly to understand that you were being paid for the Railway job some months ago, and you must have been paid for the Christchurch dials long ago also. Whether you think you are giving me a fair deal in this business you should be able to judge. Your Brother has mentioned for some time that he intended to go over there so I left it for him to try and get some settlement.

You evidently have not done anything with the Patents so I ask you to return them as early as possible, as I have a chance to get something for them in Sydney. My word Dewar when I think of the time I wasted from here and the Clocks I took over and not to get a penny out of it all, it is sickening more particularly when I think of the possibilities of the business to be done with proper capital and management. If I could leave here I would go over and run the whole thing myself.

I have just got the University clocks £70 for 16 dials 12" and 8". There is no other electric work as profitable as that, we are also supplying extra dials to the Railway and Post Office and in fact I have nearly cleared out my new consignment of 12" and 8" dials, but with this overdraft and Company here it takes all the profits.

I'll tell you what if you could get a decent company going over there and could guarantee me a good salary I would come over and run the whole technical part for twelve months, instead of going to Sydney where I will also have to form a company to get more Capital.

I have been promised the Town Hall Clock here and have the contract to fit the building through with my Fire Alarm. Then the contract is let for the new Technical Colleges next to the University and I have been promised the clocks throughout the buildings; also Toowoomba new Technical College. There is any amount of work to be done and we have little trouble with any installations at the present time. It seems to me if you had done what you intended and sent your Son over you would have been repaid long ago and had big business by now. Mr Atthow has been away in Sydney and Melbourne the last two months and is expected back before Xmas, something will have to be done then if your brother cannot get some understanding.

I am,

Yours faithfully,
Alf Geo Jackson