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on the marriage of my eldest
brother (Mr Whittle Peto) eldest son
& returned to complete his work
intending to come to us in September
to stay with us all the winter -
but receiving the offer of an
appointment under the Govern-
-ment - on the railways to be
surveyed for & made at
the Cape - with his usual prudence
& great he laid it in my hands
for decision & I decided I could
not part with him - but was
continually persuaded by friends
I was doing wrong to detain him
& after being with us a few short
weeks he sailed on the 5th this
month for Cape Town - second
other engineers (one was one
of my dear husbands principal
engineers on the A of Dublin Mountain
& Vale Rann to Edward also) sailed
with him & I hope they will
remain together as Edward has
gone well provided with letters
of introduction & leading men
in the Colony - & Dr. of Jane
spared I trust he will be permitted
to return to me by expiration of
the 3 years - being also free to re-
-turn of course at any time if he
so desires - his health very robust
& looked the picture of health when
he left us - the warmth of Cornwall
suited him well & he rejoiced
at prospect of that of Cape Colony -
should anything from Cape acquain-
-tance know any good people there
I shall be deeply obliged if you
could introduce him - I spent
beside him on the Port Elizabeth
section - but he will return the
he reaches Cape Town - Mother
is still in S America - the chief
of staff was taken ill soon after
Mother reached Concepcion & he
has had entire control of all the
large works for more than a year
& 1/4 now - I hear good reports as
to his health - the entire satisfaction
he has given - that his abilities
are highly thought of & that he is
very popular - but dear friend
for him I am anxious (as well
as my Edward) here in a
sadly godless Canadian country
my heart is very heavy pleading
for dear Ernest I know much