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keep the entire party together and as near the seat of operation as possible. I shall start on a fortnight's trip to the Gold Fields, and hope to be able to construct a road from the Yass Lake to the Gold Fields with the assistance of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, and the Police Magistrate, and the Commissioner of Police, and the Sub-Inspector of Police.

I have received and noted the contents of your letter of the 1st inst. Mr Metcalfe & Lynch are not actually employed in the Department of Lands, but Mr Metcalfe has the reputation of being a good Surveyor. Mr Lynch is a Surveyor, but I have not been informed that he has conscientiously done his duty. I shall be glad to see you here to stand field work if this matter is not settled. If you can spare time and leave your office for a fortnight or three weeks I shall be glad to see you here.

Yours truly
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