

Dear Father



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Yesterday evening I received the
Coates & letters I did not see the man so I could
not pay him & when he left them he did not ask any
I have been round the market this morning & find
that Beef is from 7 to 9 Dollars at present,
mudling is from 7 to 8 & prime about 9 at present
I believe there is not a bush demand for all the
Butchers. I spoke to some not to be much
inclined to buy as they have some cattle at present
As respects the dried beef there is none sold
here but what is retailed out in market
I was round some beef stores but they all die
their own so I believe to sell them in this
Market your best way would be to drive them
down I think you may depend on 8 & 8

I go to Mr Little who I believe outvies the college
in number of scholars at present & who behaves
very well I hope to be through Surveying & Mensuration
in less than two weeks & understand both
perfectly. I wrote by last Saturday mail but
I suppose you will receive this first
Give my love to all the family

I remain your affectionate
Saml C Birnie