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Hobart
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Dear Miss Dolly

I suppose by this time you have received my letter, & addressed to Miss Nellie Clarke & she forwarded it in one of hers.

Well since then I thought perhaps you might not have thought it was meant for a surprise joke, & in that case the Post Script &c. would seem rude, not to say unkind, which I hope you

will not for a moment, I think
I intended ~~to be~~ to be. It has
also since struck me that by
some chance or another, you
^{may} think Miss Nellie had
^{some} anything to do with it. & be wild
with her; well all she did was
to enclose it in her letter & send
it to you, for which I think
you will agree with me. She
is a regular Brick; as I
told her before the Postman had
time to deliver it, that I had
addressed it to her & intended
it for you, so you have only to
thank her for her part in the
business, & if it did not appear
in the light of a joke to you.
I am the Only One to kick
up a Row with, so if you

feel inclined, please let me have it hot, when you answer this; however as I know you dont mind a little fun, I hope the above explanation is not needed, But the point I want you to be most clear on is that Miss Nellie had nothing whatever to do with the Business. I went over to see Jack & Mrs Jack no Foster last sunday afternoon & saw the Baby too, she was singing her Sunday Hymns when I arrived, but sang them louder when she was shown her Godfather (Mr Elliot Lewis if you dont know) who arrived later. There was a Dancing Reception at Government House last Thurs-day

I guess you woud have liked to
have been there, Jack & Mrs Foster
~~went~~ were there, but it was too cold
for the Baby so she was tied to a Table leg and
left at home. Mrs Foster
wore her Wedding Dress, at least
she told me it was, but I did not
see any Orange Blossom or that
sort of Business on it, but I
saw my name down on her
Programme as "Door Mat" don't
you think she is very rude
your old Ribbon Friend has
not bother me much about his
reward since, Jack came down
I suppose he is a bit scared as
Jack is your brother-in-law.
There is now news except Miss Katie
Dobson is engaged to a Mr Taylor
who lives with Dobsons, When are you
going to Melbourne. Hoping you won't
forget to let me have it well, if you feel
wild. I am yrs. sincerely *Matt Sealy*
P.S. I think I had better not put a P.S. to this letter