

May 24

Dorchester.

My dear H.

Many thanks for

the noble Miss & the accompanying
letter. we are going to eat the ^{founder} to
day.

Muller is thinking of applying
for the H. H. H. magistracy, or whatever
it is ^{to} be, here. I asked me
whether you would feel inclined
to help him? I answered that
I was sure you would not object.

I he asked, & would trouble
yourself to look at his papers: none
I could not add.

Campbell spoke to me
about the affair, but not
drawing of any friend of mine
being an applicant. I said we
further tried him till he asked
whether Thomson would do. I was
sure he would not take it, told
him to & dismissed the affair from

Believe me
did I not think
home. - I then
C. & mentioning
since my return
make a change

Taylor talks of going
with ~~some~~ I think
I cannot stay for 10
days at least. I am 2

my mind. Campbell was
anxious for a linguist - in
my opinion the best would
be a man of business first: for it
is in a trouble state & expensive,
& the little I have had to do there
(with Capt. B.) has shown me
more of its defects than I care to
see or have found convenient.

Except something is done toward
land claims, the whole station
will be a mess - we have rover
robbers every night: I have
taken the liberty, of which I think
you will approve, of making 4
of my beds sleep in different
rooms, besides Clammey &
Huffman. I have no faith in
Chapman's & Bird's plans. Clammey
sleeps like the dead birds off,
& would be no protection to

various & then a good one I
doubt not. In return
Muller offers to study Theology
if that be a desire even -
The difficulty will be with
Campbell, to make him see
how much attention the station
wants. What a bad man his
ambitious like habits have
got it.

Mr Donald is the real step,
& what service he could do, or
claims being forward, I cannot
divine. Muller's qualifications
you know as well as I do: he is
I find very poor 415 is all his
salary, he lives from hand to
mouth sending all to his children
at home. He has not a cent in the
bank, the few thousand he had
he lost: If he returns to the place

believes he
his, dies & his children are thorough
friends on the world. This is his
only worldly anxiety & he feels
it deeply. Several times he
has laid by a little - to have it
also. The gods broke their
pledge to advance his salary, when
a reduction should take place in the
mint, though he himself expected
that to the amount of more than
his whole pay. When the new
scale of mint officers pay was
drawn out, Forbes employed him
to do the job. Muller left his
own name out, taking for
granted that Forbes would attend
to that, & so he alone did not
benefit by the advances of salary
made to the officers in general.

Taylor has put in the snow &
is making a splendid picture
to give the effect (he has done so

admirably), he has had to throw up the sponge & I
should say 3 times their ~~apparent~~ ^{apparent} bright from being
his coloring of groups is exquisite & nothing can be
cleverer or more tasteful than his groups of figures.
but I do believe that your crude anatomical
sketches are the more useful to science. I have having
studied as an artist Taylor falls into gross errors of
proportion; in fact he draws for effect & most beautiful
The effect indeed is so good that few care or can ^{take time to} look
deeper. He is now drawing Mr. Duffin's children
prettily & tastefully; but as portraits or pictures they are
~~is a~~ very weak & poor performance. wanting wholly in
expression or power. His ability, taste & skill are of
first rate order, what he wants is, time, dust & long
study, & the careful examinations of the best masters.
What a capital fellow, & agreeable, he is! - All
this enters now, to prevent such criticisms before
the people here (who admire their drawings much
which are rainbow work & contain most houses
best known to themselves, ladies, gables & churches) so
he to subject myself to ridicule - These objections
will do the station great injury, & I doubt if Mrs
Turner's panegyrics, & Taylor's sketches will counter-
act. Bishop refuses to offer reward for discovery -
Believe me I wd not have run with Ding-sop if
did not think of Campbell's character & your
house. - I think I could give a dozen cases of
C's shortcoming in my little affairs with Mr. Cutler
since my return. These bother me a little & might
make a stranger angry. I have lost 2 days of work

through them & that I cannot well afford
My wife, Perkins & Hoffman have done extremely
well in my absence. Taylor will come with to success
to stretch & I will get the chops & the fowl for him, so
that he shall not say any house was dry & hungry.
He promises to take a view from it. I have seen
the snow but once since my return. Barnes will
sit us the 21st instant, & I have told him so often
that he cannot forget.

recd Laus^d
Jan 28

P. Hoffman
Lyons