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**EDWARD ARNOLD**

**Letters, 1841-43**

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Note: The letters were not filmed in date order.

Arnold (Exeter) to his parents (Windsor), [12 Dec.?] 1841: railway journey from Slough to Exeter.

Arnold (Exeter) to his parents, 13 Dec. 1841: description of Clarence Hotel; Arnold treated like an English gentleman; meeting with Bishop G.A. Selwyn; Exeter Cathedral.

Arnold (Plymouth) to his family, [23 Dec.?] 1841: arrival in port of ship *Tomatin*.

Arnold (Plymouth) to his parents, 26 Dec. 1841: imminent departure; farewell.

Arnold (Sydney) to his parents, 4 June 1842: damage to *Tomatin* on entering Sydney Harbour; enforced stay at Mosman Bay for nearly a month; departure of Bishop Selwyn and W. Cotton for New Zealand; would not encourage anyone to emigrate to NSW; difficulty of finding employment; impressions of Sydney; convicts; town of Windsor; capture of bushrangers.

Arnold (St John's College, Waimate) to his parents, 14 Jan. 1843: memories of home; possibility of teaching either at school for sons of missionaries or a native school; Arnold's knowledge of Maori language; his assistance to Sarah Selwyn as an interpreter; travels of Bishop Selwyn in South Island; disputes with Maoris; arrival in Auckland of juvenile convicts from England; need for a native hospital; Maori pas; discussion with Bishop Selwyn about Arnold's future; St John's College.

Arnold (Waimate) to parents, [20 April] 1843: plans to return to England; offer of work as a sawyer in Fiji; friends and relatives in England. (incomplete)

Arnold (Sydney) to his parents, 19 June 1843: departure from New Zealand; Bishop Selwyn; Arnold's low wage; food prices in Sydney; plans to stay in Sydney until he can get a steward's berth; Sarah Broughton; voyage from New Zealand; purchase of clothes.

Arnold (Sydney) to his parents, 29 July 1843: pecuniary difficulties; his grievances concerning Bishop Selwyn; conflict between Maoris and settlers; request of J. Busby for a warship to be sent to New Zealand; possibility of Arnold joining it as a purser's steward.

Arnold (Sydney) to his parents, 14 Sept. 1843: engaged as second steward and valet on the *Rajah* sailing from Port Phillip; expects to be valet to Sir John Franklin returning to England; conflict with Maoris in New Zealand.

Isabelle McCullum (Sydney) to Arnold, 12 Nov. 1843: Bishop W.G. Broughton's good opinion of Arnold; family news.

Arnold (Geelong) to parents, 18 Dec. 1843: impending voyage home; Sir John and Lady Franklin; Arnold's duties on the *Rajah*.

At the end of the reel there are some fragments of letters.