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My dear Father

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I fear my letters lately have not been as regular as usual due to our various moves and changes. I have acknowledged most of your letters in the diary and will now try and answer them a little more in detail although there is nothing of very much importance to discuss.

As I have already said I am delighted about Laurie Lath. and should think that would be well suited for the heavy work in connection with shipbuilding. If I remember rightly we paid \$1000 for it and moved it ourselves.

Was talking to young Ackshutt who says his Father is having great labor troubles too and is paying 300 to laborers from the states and keeps a man over there hiring them. I fancy it is a universal difficulty.

I suppose there is no advantage in price of shells on account of this change in the nose. I hope it



II

not bother you very much and that you will be able to get over your present difficulties.

Your repetition of cabling in your letter again about the bank etc. I hope it is going the other way now and will continue to do so. I still advise you not antagonizing the inspectors in any way at all and am glad that you continue to entertain Mrs. Tidy occasionally.

I am very anxious to see the business statement which you say will be forthcoming shortly.

What capacity does Palmer hold with the lawyer Massey Co? We will not forget it. Did you give him the Post out of the office? It is what he deserved.

I am glad to see you are keeping up small shipments to the agents as it keeps things going. Are Evans & Plant & G. I. and their respective staffs still getting reduced



### III

salaries? I don't think you have mentioned this and after all they have had nothing to do with the shell business.

Am so glad you are getting an occasional vacation trip with Mattie and Alice. I would like to suggest your buying a small car which you and Alice could use, and Mattie enjoy. I really think you all deserve it and it would be a great pleasure.

There is no reason either why Sally should not be brought up if you have a man, as the grounds don't now need so much attention and she could be used all fall and winter. She need not be fed very heavily as the work you would give her would not amount to much. She felt would do well in a box stall beside her and could be allowed to run in back yard. I think it over seriously.



TV

Wood agrees with me both about  
molar can rally. If latter were  
not worked she would not need oats  
are very few at any rate.

I should have thought that the  
additional machinery you have put  
in would have increased your output  
more than it has but likely the  
hot weather is to be blame and  
now that it is cooler and labor  
maybe more plentiful the output  
will come up again.

I have your letter to me of Aug 27th  
about private matters which is quite  
satisfactory and also your joint one  
of same day. Wood quite agrees  
with me about your will etc and  
you will hear no more from us  
on that subject. When the statement  
you speak of comes we will discuss  
business matters and our own  
standing more fully.

I now have your diary letter of  
28th before me and am sorry



you all suffered so much from the great heat! It must have been indeed most trying for all. I really don't see how you stood it.

am glad to hear that Mr Flavelle did not think favorably of Aubrey's application. He is far too clever and valuable man (as well as being so old) to start out as an artillery subaltern. I only hope he will not feel too badly about it and be dissatisfied.

Your pay rolls are large but the results are certainly satisfactory. If only you could increase your output when the weather gets cooler and help more plentiful.

I have just been comparing your contract and make it as follows to date.

June contract	5000	Actual	6900
July	"	10,000	6890
Aug		15,000	8794
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	30,000		22,584

are about 7500 behind



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so Mr. Smith got the 8:2 "contract".  
They should do well on it if they  
was lasts (which I fear it will) but I  
am glad to be out of it. I think  
the 80 ps are as large as we should  
take!

Am a little worried about your  
recent troubles with inspectors which  
seems strange as you seemed to have  
gotten on so nicely with them at  
first. How do you explain it?  
and yet you say Mr. Smith has  
no complaint to make.

Am sorry Mr. Morgan did not get  
a longer holiday as he deserves it  
and must need the change too. I  
after feel I should write him more  
often but it seems to keep me  
going to get the regular letters  
written, and I know you give  
both him and Mr. Holmes  
news about our things.

12:00 P.M. your nice letter of  
3rd Sept written at Pennells came



this afternoon with the good news about Goose egg day. I have felt deeply thankful about it too and am sure Moad feels the same. It seems sometimes almost too wonderful to be true. I can't fully understand how you must feel and I think my greatest pleasure is to feel that you have the satisfaction yourself of seeing and being responsible for such a state of affairs.

Am glad you and M.T. did take the little holiday. Notice you did not play on Sunday and admire you for sticking to your guns (although I think you would have been forgiven had you played).

The new course sounds very promising and well hope for a game over it some day but want to see this through first.

Am glad you gave up idea of altering office too I think it can



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wait a little longer and without  
good to myself there you should not  
be too crowded.

your analysis of reduction in the  
was very interesting. I hope you will  
be able to pull off the credit  
you speak of my \$40,000 during  
next two months and I don't see  
why you should not. We will all  
hope for the best and be thankful  
for what has transpired and all  
our blessings as you say.

I quite agree with paying off  
margin expenses as soon as you  
can spare the funds. I also  
think it would be an error to  
break with the Bha after all and  
would do no good. I approve of  
the attitude you suggest but  
would suggest you get a  
clearance as soon as possible  
must close with very much  
love.  
your devoted son  
L.B.



2007

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