

Horace Jeans (alias Hollis Jones) to Josiah Pratt

Post office, Gosport, Oct^r 24th. 1820

Dear Sir,

I extremely regret your thus challenging this, my importunity, in neglecting so long those supplicatory addresses I have made to you, since the time that I have so utterly abandoned my state to your Interests, in neglecting that Patronage which would now have employed me in London. As I cannot suppose that those letters can have been mislaid, I shall now only recapitulate to you the summary substance of the same, urgently entreating you no more to delay your ultimate opinion to me on this decisive subject.

As the ship 'Medway,' the last for this year, has, for a length of time been expecting only a [f] favourable wind for her dispatch from this Port to New South Wales, and, as all the last hopes of this, my extremely forlorn situation are centred in that opportunity, I have addressed two applications to my Lord Bathurst, if aid from the Colonial Office might be afforded me, with as many to the second meeting of your Society, for the kindly inter-position of their influence, solely to procure me the simple passage to my aforesaid destination:

Engaging, in my turn, all my whole personal powers, & spirited attempt, to traverse the total interior of those Islands, employing therein all the information I could possibly obtain from the more ample education: At the same time, devoting my entire self ^{^in} to the possession of my employers, every possible imposition from the same, would be executed with my most zealous endeavours.

My expectation of information from you, speedily, being completed by this

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notice, I most ardently beg your attention to a reply, And I beg your forgiveness
[f] when I assure you that I really am the Son of Doctor Jeans, formerly
secretary to Lord Stormont's embassy at Paris,

Your very faithful & sincere suitor

Horace Jeans —

Alias no longer, Hollis Jones.