

62/1893 W. Landsborough 2 July

has ^{no} immediate intention of
sending for country he has dis-

covered on Expedition Mount Murchison Darling River
6th July 1862

Sir

I have the honor to inform you
that as I learnt from the Queensland
news in the "Sydney Mail" of the 24th
^{May} ~~edition~~ that the Honorable the Colonial
Treasurer said that he had no doubt the
parties that were sent out in search of
Purkie's tracks, "were making tracks for
themselves", I wish to state with reference
to this, that as far as I am concerned,
that I have no immediate intention ~~for~~
to apply for any country I discovered while
searching for Purkie's tracks, that I gave
you a true description ^{of the} country I had
seen while on my expedition to the southwest
from the Albert River depot, and that
I will send you when I reach Melbourne
or sooner a copy of my Journal which
I hope will give a most satisfactory
description of the country ^{of the} while on my
last expedition, and further that it
will be satisfactory to me to mention
in the meantime respecting the country
I saw near the Gulf of Carpentaria before
I started to come here, that it was
exceedingly well adapted for sheep
runs and that I considered the
most valuable country was the
plains of Promise and the next
in value to them the plains on the
Gregory River and of the country
I saw while on the last expedition that
had not been previously explored

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The Honorable the

Colonial Secretary Queensland

that the most valuable land (on ~~the~~
which I am satisfied sheep will thrive
well) was the plains on the west bank
of the Leichhardt River and the plains
on the Flinders river. — of the Leichhardt
River country I can only speak of
a small portion of it, as we only
followed it up for about 8 miles
from where the tide came up to
a fine basaltic ford where the
water was fresh. — of the Flinders
River country, the best we saw on
the lower part of the river was
situated between latitude $18^{\circ}26'$
& $19^{\circ}20'$ latitude and of the upper
part of the river the best was
the last hundred miles.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your obedient servant

W. Lonsdale
Commander of the Victorian
& Queensland Expedition