



How much they owed for Champagne and  
other wines - I can't imagine, but the  
Butcher was owed £100. & the Dress Maker  
possibly a trifle more than double - & as to  
the Water rate, & the Gas rate - that they  
very considerably left for me to settle - as  
they knew that before ever the supply would  
be continued to the House - those rates and  
taxes would have to be paid. All this has  
tended very considerably to trouble me  
As regards the work of Art you mention,  
I will bear it in mind - but I fear I  
shall not have time to attend to it just  
yet - may possibly for some time to come.  
From what my friend Thomas Bullock  
Edwards tells me There is a bright  
Future for MILDURA or he would not  
have speculated to the extent he has done.

It is this same T. B. Edwards of Creven  
hill. Lancaster Gate that has speculated  
& with whom I have been staying, and  
who requires me to execute the paintings  
alluded to. You tell me that the times  
are bad at Mildura - but that you intend  
to hang on - and to grow with the place.  
May you prosper in health & in purse!  
I don't hear of any place in particular  
on the face of the Globe, where the  
Banks are not breaking, & people  
being reduced to poverty in consequence.  
This I do know - that I never witness  
worse times! that it all means I don't  
prosper to understand. Everything seems  
doing its best to knock every thing else  
on the head - & competition is so sharp  
that no business seems calculated to  
enrich the owner of it. B. D. G.