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Port San Julian Dec^r. 29th 1891

Dear brother & sister I write you a few lines to let you know that I went over to Patagonia to try & start sheep farming five of us formed a company in the Falklands as I told you before when last I wrote to you, & another fellow & me went over to try how we could get along, We arrived in Punta Arenas all right after a very rough passage, then rode up through Patagonia for about three hundred miles to Port San Julian & bought 1200 sheep there, & we are just busy shearing them, we are sending the wool home to England, there is a ship coming out & taking out stores for us & taking away the wool. There are other three fellows here close to here that formed companies & came over from the Falklands before me & it was from one of them that I bought the sheep, but the worst of it is we cannot get land here, as it is all taken up around here that is any good, so we are going to shift away further North there is a fellow away up to Buenos Aires to take out camp for us all, he went away a day or

two ago he is going to try and get it
~~out~~ about the Gulf of St. George
about 300-400 miles further north
than where we are now so if he gets
it there it will be a good long drive
with the sheep. Do not be surprised
at me being so long in writing for
I am not very near a post office, it
is almost about 300 miles to the nearest
& it is seldom there is a chance to send
letters away, there is a fellow starting
away from here tomorrow to go down
south to go to the Falklands so I
am taking the chance to send them
with him. It is rather a rough life over
here we have got no houses only a sort
of mud cabin to live in but we get along
not so bad. I have not even a table to
lay the paper on to write the letter. I
am sitting holding it on my knee &
writing it but I hope there may be
better days in store for us before long.
If once I had a piece of camp secure
I think I will soon get along at least
I hope so, only there is a beast they
call the lion here that is very bad on
the sheep, it is a specie of the cat tribe
it can kill a sheep with one stroke of
of the paw sometimes one or two

will come in the night among the
sheep & do great damage, in
one night between ewes and lambs
they killed about 80. but they have never
been so heavy on me. they never killed more
than about 9 in one night - we have pois-
oned five or six I have never got the
chance to kill one for they are very bad
to find to in the day time but if I
come across one, & manage to kill him
I will send home the skin to you with
the head on, they are as tall as a good
big collie dog but far heavier in the
body & shorter in the legs with the same
muscle as a cat, they are very cowardly
& will run away from a man, if they
were bold a man would stand a very
small share with him, there was one
killed a foal for us about two month old.
To return to the old country I hope you
are all well & getting on well together
& I hope father is well & in good health
& Adam & the wife & family also Mary
& her husband, & Jenna & her husband
do you hear any word from them give
them all my best respects if I had not
much accommodation or inclination I
don't know which for writing but I

hope & trust if everything goes right to be
able to come home & see you all in about
two or three years as I am wearying very much
to see my father, sisters & brother again
& make your acquaintance also Mary's
& Lena's husband, for I don't suppose
I ever seen any of you before, If Maggie
Hailstones is still there & married give her
my kind love with wishes of great joy &
happiness & long may they live to enjoy their
married life together. I hope father is
is well & keeping away from the drink. I
only wish I was able to send home some
money to him to keep him from working
much for he must be getting not very
able for work now, but at the present
time I am as poor as a church mouse
for I have all the little money that I
had, speculated at present & there is no
returns as yet but I will live in hopes that
things will soon come out better, & I hope to
be able to come home in about the time I have
stated. If you write to me soon after you receive
this the letter may find me for unless I am
shifted I won't leave here for a year to come yet
& unless it reaches me in that time I cannot give
you any fixed address to write to. So hoping to
meet you all soon if spared till that time to meet
all together I will remain dear brother & sister ever
your loving brother George Anderson
P.S. Please give me father's
address & how he is getting on
give him my kind love for
I cannot very well write at
present but please let him
know how I am getting on. ^{Yours}

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