

way up and \$2 cheque sent you book at  
Parramatta making \$10 is a loan to Edwin  
26th July, 1855  
Dear Mr Cook

(1854)  
I was glad to find you settled  
down on your farm and having no rent to pay  
for the first year I trust your hardest part is  
over. I cannot but think it very unfortunate  
that your eldest son is not also with you, but I  
sincerely hope Edwin will remain with you  
and exert himself as in duty bound, to support  
the declining years of his parents.

I have communicated with both  
my brothers each of whom will lend you  
£7.10.0. I will advance £15 making £30  
which with assistance you get from your  
son at Victoria (Vittoria?) must last you till  
your crops are raised.

I am not likely to have any  
cattle down in your direction, I am sorry to  
say, for some time to come. Cattle cannot  
be kept to advantage at this place (among  
sheep) and I am on the point of selling mine to  
a Port Phillip purchaser as store stock.  
When you settled down Mr Rudd will  
probably accommodate you with a couple of  
heifers to break in should he have any at  
(Fleets?) Mr Rudd is a gentleman of strict  
business habits and you must endeavour if  
possible to fulfil all your engagements  
with him - you will then find him  
your friend.

The eight pounds enclosed  
(in halves) together with £5 to Edwin on the



way up and £2 cheque sent you at  
Parramatta making £15 is a loan to Edwin  
for two years. The five pounds sent you in  
January last is a loan to yourself till  
you see better times.

I am glad to find you settled  
in an your fishing and greater happiness for  
for the first year I trust you have enjoyed for some  
time past believe me with kindest  
remembrances to Mrs Cook. with you, but I  
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Very sincerely yours,  
John Smith

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