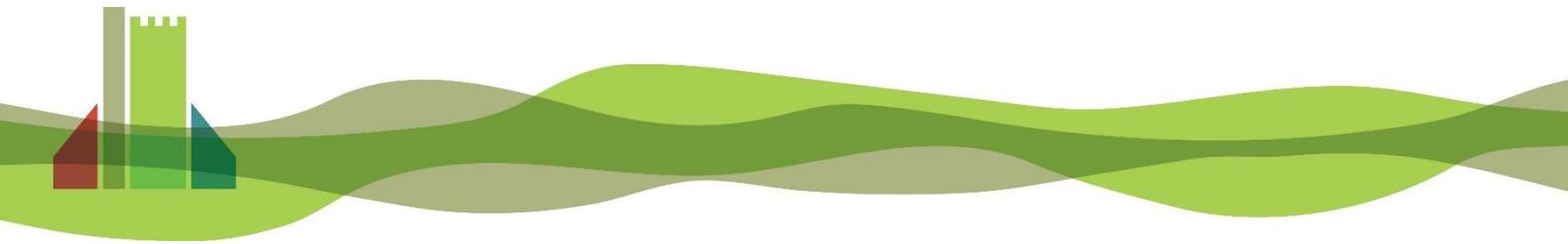


Studwell – Letter Sept 1926 from Dick Barry to Graham Bower

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From Richard (Dick)

To Graham Barry

- visit of Mary Barry to UK
- GB invited to return
- SA to work / settle
- previous offer of work refused ...
- views political developments in SA
- "can't be right to make
with your tongue in your
cheek & your pistol pointed
secretly at the other fellows
heart while he is bargaining"

Dick Barry

Richard "Dick" Barry

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*Like home
in Valley view*

5.9.26

ALANGLADE,
PILGRIMS REST,
TRANSVAAL.

My dear Power,

It was nice hearing from you - & I was particularly delighted that my daughter May had been able to take advantage of your kindness & that of your people. I know only too well how isolated & alone one feels when first off in England & how the kindness of those who have been to South Africa does help. May wrote with much enthusiasm of her visit to your home & I know how she will value any kindness shown to her. She takes her first term at Doebel College this term.

I sympathize with you in your long indefinite wait for suitable work : - but I have little doubt that the opening when secured will have been well worth waiting for.

To dash about the world - sampling first one job & then another - may be interesting but is not very satisfying & if you did come out to S. Africa again I would counsel you making a strong effort to settle definitely to some work worth settling to.

Good men are now very scarce on the Rand - & there should be little difficulty in securing an opening there. Had you been able to accept the job I had to offer here you would now have been well established - as events have gone - but of course I had to fill the vacany elsewhere.

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Perhaps you will come out our way again some day.

Be sure & keep me advised.

It is good to hear from overseas friends when one
is in these out-of-the-way corners - & I always value
letters.

You would be interested in the drift of native affairs here.

General Botha is in earnest right enough - but his
schemes are full of potential trouble - & I fear that the
"child race" will get the worst of the bargain!

John X: would have been very glad at developments.

All the fine sounding talk of doing the natives & just
treatin' the natives is nothing but camouflage for a move
to force him into practical servitude under the farmers
& at the farmers price - which is little above
a bare living. - It may be right for the Whites to safeguard
their interests - though I think such is not the "rightness"
which has established the English Empire on its present
wound forming - but it can't be right to make offers
with your tongue in your cheek & your pistol pointing
secretly at the other fellow's heart whilst he is bargaining.

But you have your troubles in England & the possibility of
a settlement still seems very remote.

With kind regards. Yours very sincerely

Richard A. D.