from what they had led me
to expect from. I told you
before, that, if from the
beginning they had proposed
such stringent arrangements,
I would have said nothing
against it. But the
unfair treatment which
I can not help saying (I
think) I think you too, have
received in this regard from
their hands, makes me the
more I consider it, the more
doubt that the arrange-
ments as proposed by them,
will work well, and that
they may not abuse the
power granted to them by it.
Forgive my saying this,
of

of course your feeling may
be quite different, but I owe
it to you to tell you what
my impression is. The great
discrepancy between the
Articles of Agreement as for-
warded by them, and your
instructions, gives me a fair
right to upset the whole,
if we should think it
better to do so, and I am
not sure, whether this would
not be the better way. I am
so afraid of all this leading
to disagreements, and quarrels
afterwards that I feel
more and more disinclined
to have anything at all
to do with it. What I now
wish

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1 a.m. Monday
17 Nov. 1862

My darling, Yesterday I made a mistake in saying that I had expected from your Uncle W's letters that the antenuptial contract alone was to be signed by us before marriage. I was wrong in saying this, because I myself had first proposed (in my answer to U. W's first letter) that the money should be tied up in the hands of Trustees, out of our power. My mistake arose in their afterwards making the arrangements so very different from

wish to ask you if, whether in case I should think it the right and proper way for us not to have either a marriage settlement, no loan an antenuptial contract between us, — you would have the trust and confidence that I asked it for good and real reasons. I do not say, however, that I shall ultimately think this the real best course. We must still consider the matter more fully — and I need, of course, not tell you that in these considerations I shall not be

ask him, what would be your status if you married in this Colony with community of property, — what further if with an antemptial contract as it is usually executed, — and what, if with that marriage settlement, &c. &c. I shall tell Fairbridge that we have not yet decided what to do. — My reasons for and against these three courses will be explained to you, when we meet. It is quite possible that I shall ultimately see the plan proposed yesterday to be the right one; though it appears at present to me liable to many objections. I send you here your Uncle's letters. — Tell me, darling whether and when I shall come this morning. If you wish to speak to me before I go to Fairbridge, it must be before then o'clock. — Ffor are you, my own Darling, sure how it is Love? I am very well, only a great deal puzzled but have very confidence that we shall ultimately come right out of it. Therefore, do not worry about

about all this. Let us follow the dictates of our own consciences, and leave the results in higher hands. You will probably receive this afternoon a visit from Mrs. Fleck. She and Dr. Fleck offered very kindly to do what they could for us, wished to lend us their carriage, &c. I am, however, already under so many obligations to them that I greatly like to accept their offers &c. —

With all my love,
your own Fleck

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be led by Mr. Fairbridge's advice, — but by our own sense of right and wrong, faithfully striving as we both shall to do the right. I wish you, however, to have the advice of an honest, straightforward lawyer, and I believe from all I have heard of him that as such I can really recommend Mr. Reid to whom, therefore, I think you should at all events write at once, and consult with him regarding this matter. You might particularly to

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