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My Dear Sir
I had just finished
writing you yesterday a long
letter with all the information
I could impart when yours
of 8th inst arrived, and I now
try to write you a few lines
- in reply -
I will attend to your in-
structions in every thing so
far as I can; I will try and
ascertain what Liffen's flock
are like, and report, it would
be requisite to see them be-

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before shearing so as to judge
of their wool, but it is likely
we could not get delivery
till after shearing on age
of their lambs; are these
Rams from Leamonthly
from their stud flock? or
will they be their common
Rams? if from the stud
flock that would be 60 Rams
which ought to do 3500 or 4000
Ewes, and as the branda-
ies at present stand we
will not be able to keep from
mixing and consequently
will not get half the be-
-nefit from those expensive

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Rams we should get, what I
should have liked in the present
state of the Run was to get
500 prime ewes but the 10 Rams
that will be left with them
and keep them at the Big Bush
so as to get all their Lamb Rams
for our own flock or for sale
as you must be aware it is very
difficult if possible to select
and save young Rams out of a
flock of 3 or 4000 especially if
these are mixing with flocks of
different breeds;

I will make enquiry at
the Big Bush about sheering
and advise you on the subject;

I am glad to hear of Stewart

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