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to indulge in borrowing again,  
and even if I did, it is very  
doubtful if I should be successful,  
for money is very scarce down here,  
just now, and those who have it,  
are very careless about lending even  
on the very best security.

Hoping, Sir, that I have <sup>not</sup> asked  
too much of you, I remain

Yours truly  
E. V. MacKeez

Sydney C.B.  
Dec. 29  
1846

Dr Dawson

Dear Sir

A short time ago I re-  
ceived a note from you remind-  
ing me that I am indebted to  
you to the amount of \$25<sup>00</sup>.

I need not say that your let-  
ter reminded me of the debt, be-  
cause it has been a sore spot  
on my memory ever since it was  
contracted, but it has put me in  
mind of the duplicity which, under  
the press of circumstances, I have  
displayed in this matter.

In May 1845, I was slightly em-



barrassed in money matters, and made bold to apply to you for a loan, which you kindly granted me.

This loan I promised and fully expected to repay in the course of two or three weeks, as I was daily expecting a remittance from home.

When this remittance came, I found that I would be unable to fulfil my promise, and instead of going to see you about the matter I determined to wait for a short time until I should get my month's pay. I got this pay but was still unable to pay you, and thus matters went on for over a month, when I saw a good opportunity of going home and embraced it, intending to apply to my father for the amount when I arrived.

However I found that my father had been unsuccessful in his summer's

business, and had a good many bills to meet of his own, so that I did not want to increase his burdens by my indiscretion, and concluded to wait till I should be able to pay it myself, determined that the first fruits of my labours should go to you. I did not succeed in getting employment till last November, when I got a situation in a good school in the neighbourhood of Sydney.

Now I won't receive any pay for my services until May next, and if it would not be "adding insult to injury" I will ask you to kindly wait till that time, when I will refund you your money with interest at 10% from the time of loan.

This is the only way that I see out of the difficulty, for I don't want