

# From John Burrows to William Renshaw – advice about health & equipping a flour mill

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NOTES:

- This letter was found in William's desk.
- We had to make some guesses - so this transcription needs to be rechecked.
- John Burrows built Hume Flour Mill in Albury in 1870 and died 1904. (Albury & District Historical Society)