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Dear John, Very many thanks

for your article on Gipps. It is most interesting, & I don't believe anything on the same scale - or perhaps on any scale at all - has appeared about him in the Canterbury before: so the Editor is very pleased.

I enclose a photostat of Gipps' N.S. election, 1802, which you may like to add to your material on him. It is interesting to see two Oxleys on the same list, in view of the Surveyor-general Oxley, also of N.S.W. fame, who was on the Legislative Council about 10 years before Gipps. The N.S. Oxleys came from Yorkshire, & it would

Cointerested to ferret out any connection
that might exist between them & the
N.S.W. one. The D.N.S. just says that
he was ^{born} ~~born~~ in England.

I haven't been able to get hold
of a photograph of the fipps bust in
the Cathedral, & it is rather late in the
day to get a professional photograph
taken. I suppose you haven't one? The
illustration you've provided is, of course,
very satisfactory, but the bust was
done by H. Weches, who ^{was also a} ~~had written~~
K.S. boy - something ~~like~~
like a vague bell rang as I was looking
at the work yesterday! - and that
would make it of particular interest for
the Canterbury. In fact, a whole
article on Weches might be projected, as
he seems to have been really rather
distinguished in his day.

Again, many thanks for your splendid
effort.
Yours
Paul Stoddart