

Hob. Town 31 Aug[?]

My dearest Love –

Arthur is just gone home by Coach and has taken the [illegible] and quills for you. I am sorry I could not accompany him as I am detained till Sunday to finish[?]. I asked the Col Sarg[?] to spare[?] me but he said so uncertain over[?] the movements of other Gent.[?] ([illegible] and Gregson[?] of course) that he could not - I shall take care this is the last time I will be tied[?] to Public R[illegible] in this way - I did

not get any Letter from you this Morning[?] which I presume to be owing to your expecting I had left - If you see Mr. Bradford say I did not forget to speak with the Govnr. on his Behalf[?] nor omit to mention I advocate[?] his claim in Council - The Govnr. promised to look further into the Case and give it his best consideration This is all I could do - I am going to tea[?] with Mr. Burgess[?] - We have been late

In Council and I'm[?] afraid[?] I must Conclude - hoping you are better and that I [illegible] soon have the pleasure of meeting[?] you all

Your most affectionate
John Leake –