

Full Run Plains, Wednesday
10th May 1852.

My dear Father

I duly received yours of Monday last, and am quite delighted to hear from you that you have made so very desirable a purchase as Leicestershire, you could not have a better farm for lambing on, and having the great advantage of not being a thoroughbred. (We have got the sheep all right as to numbers but we are obliged to yard them and shall be compelled to continue doing so as long as they remain here, we lost them all the second day and found them all in lads along with shed of every body, indeed the grass is sour and they will not remain in the tie as we herded them there one day and they did nothing else but ramble about perhaps as Cap. Flint is dead Mr. Gentry or his Executors might wish to have the farm back to dispose of it, and I do not think the best will do any further good than keeping them in those order until shearing time which will be a great loss for they ought to be ready for the Butcher the moment their fleeces are off. I congratulate you on gaining your cause & a gain. Mr. Willis and hope it will be a warning to this Honor we have had a great deal of suit here but the weather has changed to frosts. I am sorry to say we are yet nearly deboured with heat my best love to yourself my Mother Sister and brothers and I remain

Your affec^d Son
W. Keate

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P.S. The letter you sent me was from Mr. Hunt who enclosed me £1 for you Balance of
Dea. Sen's Cheque -

M. B. Leake.

10. May 32

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Mr. Leake Esq

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Elizabeth River

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