

L1/B.191

Yr. Leake.
Oxon 27 = 1853

My dear Father

I have hardly had time to write to you, quite having been for the last three months working.

I hope you are ^{not} ^{in the} ^{depth} ^{of} ^{any} ^{other} ^{late} ^{affliction} your ^{last} ^{year} ^{was} ^{very} ^{great} ^{among} ^{my} ^{friends} I have been few I may be soon so affected and polite to strangers and so kind to her family - as she was - Miss

It is enough to working he does not keep his few books paper in order even when he ought to work on because he is negligent ^{W. P.} and John is more so. The same I have not heard from John since

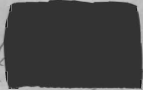
the want of the Leigons —
We get on tolerable well considering
the great scarcity of labor — we
have 12. plowmen at work — but
we can get ~~to~~ no more to build or
fence or cultivate with but are
much in want of mowing —

I find the Back Bay rate office
having in the hands of Thomas I shall
soon have my runs in charge
of a deputy get a responsible person
I have a good manager in Paul
He may be wanting to retire soon —
The management of my place wants the
kind of energy, skill, and responsibility
I expect the state soon to be well supplied

with the head of labor - they have been
coming into Melbourn fast -

~~Before~~ We have a great abundance
of grass - and fine fat cattle
sheep - & stork horses galloping
about - It is a pleasure to
see them -

We have been obliged to
show in the grass - not
getting labor to work -
we pay 30/ £100. and the sheep
we have very well. then carrying
100 of any - what wages they make
with Lane to see my mother
and sister -

 your
Antifak von
R. P. P. P. P.

NO 11
1892
AUSTRALIA

11/7
2/8

NOV 26 1892

via Melbourne.

to Mrs

John Leake Esq. M.C. Esq.
Post Office
Campbell Town
Van Diemens Land.

Handwritten text on the left edge of the envelope flap.

K.H.

LAUDERSTONE
1892

11/7

Mr Leake
Campbell Town
Van Diemens Land

Handwritten text on the right edge of the envelope flap.