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Adelaide

April 21-1854.

My Dear Father -

I am here in Adelaide  
to do my duty as a Senator.  
our Parliament opens to-morrow.  
I had a journey of 8 days from  
my place (Loki Laska) to Adelaide  
a portion of the road 100 miles  
through a heavy sandy desert -  
our horses felt it very much -  
I shall try to be out here then  
6 weeks or 2 months in Adelaide  
what I must do is over Australia  
to be unacquainted with Victoria

and had to be reduced to -  
5/8 case - about price <sup>300</sup> by <sup>400</sup> <sup>value</sup> the  
I am told that - had to the  
North of Adelaide is to be seen  
that it takes one square mile  
or thereabouts to get a head of cattle  
This is taken out as land -  
chosen by experienced graziers  
The Cape of Good Hope is better  
than this and their land has  
been sold of late at 1/2 of 1/3 of an acre  
of course there are patches of so  
use bringing on in the soil -  
I should have <sup>mistaken</sup> ~~thought~~ to have  
seen Ed. here in my place the land  
meant and became so other to it  
I would not have come forward

By my own neglect would have  
been found - for I am in  
space the time -

If you wish me - with the best &  
Wishes coming me Post-Office  
Applaud -

I trust your health is good -  
and they are well in Germany  
we have best and that with  
I cannot come out - - - - -  
with love to my brothers and  
sister

I remain your  
affectionate and faithful  
son -

B. B. Leake

Wm. H. ...  
A. A. ...

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