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~~Wm. Leake Esq~~
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Campbellton

10 June 1852


H. Wood

My dear Sir — Cambridge 10th June 1852

The news (very agreeable to me as being a staunch
conservative, protectionist and anti-Jew & and Catholic) of
the resignation of Ministers - renders it in my opinion necessary
that a memorial to the Governor (to be forwarded by him
to the Secretary for the Colonies) should be immediately
put in action, stating what we can in favour of a
Temporary } continuation of transportation —

Having ^{given} hinted this to you, I shall take no further steps,
as I was the principal author of the last memorial of
which Mess^{rs} Gunn Sinclair and Allison chose to take
the credit —

On hearing of Lord Palmerston being dismissed by Lord
Napier - I immediately said it would be a thorn in Lord
N's side, but did not think that the blow would be
given by Lord Palmerston personally - there is something
of British spirit in Lord P. that I always liked, how
contrary to that of the false Lord Grey - his support of
our wishes always struck me as being like having the
devil to fight for us - I do not know or rather I forget
Lord Derby's opinions - but I fear our cause is lost if
we do not instantly plead for it -

I hope the change will not affect our Governor, for whom I
feel sincere regard — I have continually enquired
about M^{rs} Leake and am truly sorry to hear that she is
not regaining her health so fast as we wish -

Of course you have heard of the death of my
earliest