

My dear Sir Newbury 22 June 1852.

When you were last at my house, I requested you to leave at Mr. Hawkins's Inn a parcel with a book or books I forget which, for Mr. Bayles which ^{he} has not received - I am told that you did not deliver, but took it home in mistake - will you have the kindness to send it (without expense to Mr. Bayles) by the very first opportunity - I do not know of any thing (not serious) that could have annoyed me more than allowing Mr. Bayles to suppose I had been careless of his books - it is very probable that he will not lend me any more - which as reading is my only recreation - would be almost a misfortune -

With kind regards to your Sister, Father and Brother.

Yours truly
Wood

At Leake by

I do not know if you have read my advertisement
in the Chronicle of 27th & 30 June - it is too long to
copy - the purport is to request those of same opinion
as myself - instead of meeting and squabbling - to
write to me and to such other gentlemen as will
offer me - to receive such letters (post paid) that
they agree to sign the memorial as worded
in the paper - This plan seems to be one which
will give very little trouble and less expense
both which must I think be agreeable to our lazy
settlers who had rather grumble and stumpe
them except or pay - and who may not perhaps
be afraid of the consequences of a letter - altho
they would not boldly come forward -

The imprudent speech of Mr Archer to Mr Allen
is worthy of the set to which he belongs, to people
who would set and hear their Governor - scandalized
and ill-treated - and who ^{whilst} ~~with~~ ^{breath} ~~claiming~~ to be loyal
do in the same threaten the rebellion of the
Colonies - But I never before heard of Mr Archer
Education being so superior to Allinson as to give
him the smallest title to such an observation -
I should think that Mr Allinson had the advantage
in education - at any rate every one feels that
he has in good sense and conduct
I have received several letters agreeing to my
proposal among the Mr Barnard Mr Gardner
Mr Thershall, - will you agree to receive
letters as well as these persons. your being absent
would make no difference - it is only to file them
for certain time and when sufficient names are
obtained to publish and get others to sign - it would be
presumptuous to name myself as the only receiver

I have a kind of hectic cough but do not think it
proceeded from my journey —

I hope Mr. Wm will soon return Byler's book. his ceasing
to lend me any more book would annoy me more than

such an apparent trifle ought to do —

I hope Miss Leake bears her loss with fortitude

We all desire to be kindly remembered to you all

Yours truly
Wm Wood

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