

My dear Sir - Hawkridge 19th Oct 51

I am so put out of sorts by my Sons leaving me again that if I was not of a disposition not to be drawn away from any thing I considered to be right – I should drop every thing concerning Elections – I do not think I shall be able to accept you kind invitation for the 28<sup>th</sup> –

It strikes me that Mr Allison's friends do not speak or write enough on his behalf – I hope that on Monday, some one will speak on the hint I sent to Mr Sutton, as to the effect that choosing a man that had used such expressions towards in regard of the Queens representative as Mr Kermode has done, would have in England, Whether it would not be taken as one of the strongest proofs of the depravity of our general character. Whether any County or Borough in England would admit a man who had spoken in regard of the Queen as he has of her representative –

Whether such speeches would not even have driven Mr Kermode from society and involved him in serious scrapes –

Whether the Electors of Campbell town should not consider their reputations for propriety and loyalty depended greatly on their electing an active steady man in stead of a fool or madman or both – who as composing a 24<sup>th</sup> part of our lawmakers – could do much more [illegible word struck out] mischief than the same person in the English house of above [illegible], not one of whom would probably agree to sit with him – and Whether private connexion or friendship should not in such a case as the present give way to public duty –

It strikes me that some such speech on Tuesday would do much, or an advertisement or both – I have not heard how the meetings at Campbell town last Monday & Tuesday were carried on I have not seen yesterdays papers

Yours very truly  
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Mr Leake Esq

[the following written in the LHS margin]

I wish I could get the Chronicle papers for since beginning of 1849 – I would return them in three days – I have lost all mine and have no copies of my correspondence – nor of what papers at the Sunday radical meetings -