

L.1/B.434

Somerset 12<sup>th</sup> July

My dear Friends

As "my better half" has just written to Mr Leake, I thought I could acknowledge the receipt of your kind favor and answer two questions you ask therein. Whatever I have heard from Jericho and how we like the Emigrants in reply to the first, I have not, and as to the rumour, though it has spread far and wide, I do not think there is any truth in it, I regret exceedingly they still retain so venerable a notoriety in their "Warrours"!

as to the latter, I reply. There is no particular fault to find with the Emigrants, but they are neither of them as useful as some of our prisoner servants and Capt A - would be very happy to part with them if they liked to go. - He does not intend to receive any more if they come, unless obliged.

I am glad to hear you are all pretty well, we have had delightful rains this winter! expect to see everything looking beautiful in the Spring, we are having the garden laid out, and planted and hope to get the water all over it, in the dry weather

by means of a Mill now erecting at  
one corner of it in a Shell, and  
which is to pump the water up  
with two pumps by Wind, and  
then it is to be led over the  
Garden by little drains. if it  
succeeds, it will be a great  
comfort, and improve the fruit  
both in Quality and Quantity.  
Capt. H - has been making an  
experiment on the Hill opposite  
to grow Grapes, if it answers  
he will cultivate a Vineyard,  
so you see he is always busy,  
and I suppose it will be so to  
the end of the Chapter. We must  
take heed "that we set not our  
Hearts on these Things," as they will  
not of themselves, make us happy.

Elyth Horton  
12 July 1842.

Mrs Leake  
Rose dale

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Remember me very kindly to Mr. & Mrs. Leake  
and believe me very sincerely yours  
Elyth Horton  
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Wife of Capt. Horton; emigrants at Jericho, servants, good rains that winter, windmili water pump to irrigate their garden, possibility of a vineyard, addressed to Mrs Leake. *See also* L.1/E.482-4

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