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My dear Sir

I hope I shall not be suspected of insincerity when I say this with great reluctance I write you at this moment but when I inform you that through a variety of circumstances some of which I will mention, press upon me the necessity, and that necessity arises purely out of the pressure of the times, - I hope I shall be pardoned for taking this liberty. - If I could for a moment suppose that my request would place you in any doubtful circumstance or risk - If I was not (humanly speaking) morally certain of fulfilling my engagement with you. I think I know myself well enough to say - I would not under any considerable and third favor! - But tho' I am surrounded with a handsome - & I may say comparatively a large property both real and personal! with no very serious incumbrance thereon - I am nevertheless pressed hard to meet my engagements at this moment - and of I did not see my way clear - I would take up a further sum on my property - instead of adopting the present mode as a temporary relief - when I tell you that the two last years have been unfavorable, particularly the last! - when you are informed that altho' I drew ag<sup>ts</sup> my wool only the Colonial value - and instead of having as might <sup>have</sup> reasonably expected something to receive, I had to refund 126£ - when it is recollected that the harvest was bad - and that in consequence of stock falling in value - I put none into the market - and in the present state I dread to make a sacrifice! - that after so many years humble residence, I have at length got all and easy thing ready, and am on the eve completing a new residence - that the Government have built upon my property a very pretty substantial Cottage, &c which had affected considerably to its value - but this has been done ~~but~~ with my assistance to a considerable amt. - add to these matters - my other improvements have not only kept pace with - but considerably exceeded former years - as it regards our poor grand children you know all about! - such a combination have caused me to feel some present difficulties - and my object is to solicit your



friendly aid - in any manner which I will leave to yourself and  
 my friend Horton to whom I write enclosing this to you, asking him  
 to join in the assistance - - If I were to forego the prosecution of  
 my intended Buildings now commenced - I might get a little relief  
 but as before stated all things are ready to go into their places  
 and all paid for - These fortunately succeeded in getting  
 Mechanics assigned to me who can complete the work, and my  
 relinquishing the plan would at least cost me 15th more - I  
 therefore intend to proceed - and as I can repay yr kindness  
 without any risk or loss to either - I venture to ask - and to hope  
 you will jointly assist me in my need - I feel less reluctance  
 in asking when I reflect - & I state it with some degree of  
 satisfaction that my word, or reputation has never yet been  
 tarnished either in this, or the Mother Country - To carry out  
 the objects I have to attain, I need for 12 months - the  
 sum of 300£ which I wish to take in any way most con-  
 venient to yourselves - either I will take up Bills renewable from time  
 to time and get them dis<sup>d</sup> - or if not inconvenient - I will gene-  
 rally renewable in the same manner - or any way you may  
 suggest but as I need the amt the first week in October - may  
 I further ask yr immediate attention and an answer by  
 first post if it can be so arranged - that my object may  
 be fully understood by yourself and my friend Horton I enclose  
 this open to him with a request that he will meet you on the  
 subject, if possible on Monday - It strikes me if you were  
 to take my Bills - you would find no difficulty in getting  
 them cashed if needful - and none in case of death would be  
 yr security - But I leave it to you! -

I hear from Emma that she  
 has rec<sup>d</sup> much wanted attention from Mr. Leake, yourself and all  
 the family at Rosedale - I hope I shall have the opportunity  
 of repaying the kindness -

Mr. P. K. and all around me unite  
 in sincere and affectionate remembrances

John Leake Esq & P

I am my dear Sir  
 Yrs faithfully  
 J. M. P. K.

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