

[Comberman?] Cottage

Hotham St East St Kilda

1st Sept 1868

My dear Miss Leake

It is a very long time since I heard from you. I should much like to have a little note from you to hear you are all well. I have been wishing to sell this place as I am told I shall always have that dreaded asthma if I remain in this country during the hot weather which is the reason for it with me, so I hope to sell this place before the very hot weather comes and then Ella and I will go home but if [?] we must again before that go to Campbell town for a last look.

I thought I had almost sold this place last week to Mr Aspinall the famous Barrister but he did not like the garden being so large [as a?] paddock. I could have easily sold it I am told had it not been for the "Dead-Lock" so [?] hope now I may sell it.

We have only my oldest little Granddaughter with us she is a fine little girl now almost as fat as William which you will scarcely believe if you remember the [?] little Baby he was, but the 8 months old Baby is the finest of all so lovely and so good, so I am told but Ballarat is too far off to go to see them often but Mrs Wilson likes it and they are all well so was Mrs [Kenneth?] when I heard from her & she writes to me every mail.

I have at last finished the little window for the new Church at [6/?] Brian's Bridge but I have not yet heard from Mr Williams if the Church is built. Ella joins me in kind [?] to you and Miss Belle and best regards to your Brother.

Believe me dear Miss Leake, yours very affectionately

Katherine Kirkland