

Hob. Town 31 Aug[?]

My dearest Love –

Arthur is just gone
home by Coach and has taken the
[illegible] and quills for you. I am
sorry I could not accompany him
as I am detained till Sunday to
finish[?]. I asked the Col Sarg[?] to spare[?]
me but he said so uncertain over[?]
the movements of other Gent.[?] ([illegible]
and Gregson[?] of course) that he could
not - I shall take care this is
the last time I will be tied[?] to
Public R[illegible] in this way – I did

not get any Letter from you this
Morning[?] which I presume to be
owing to your expecting I had
left – If you see Mr. Bradford
say I did not forget to speak
with the Govnr. on his Behalf[?]
nor omit to mention I advocate[?]
his claim in Council – The Govnr.
promised to look further into the
Case and give it his best consideration
This is all I could do -
I am going to tea[?] with
Mr. Burgess[?] – We have been late

In Council and I'm[?] afraid[?] I must
Conclude – hoping you are
better and that I [illegible] soon have
the pleasure of meeting[?] you
all

Your most affectionate
John Leake –