

Ship Inn. 20<sup>th</sup>. August 1849

My dearest Love –

I [illegible] [illegible] to sleep[?] [illegible] my evening. The Roads very bad across the plains – I was much cramped in the Coach and have hardly got my knees straight yet – We are just come from Council 5 of [illegible] – having been there all day about the Bothwell Road Bill and as yet I have seen nobody except the members of Council not least any particular names[?] – I found the letter to Mrs Webster in the Crown of [illegible] [illegible] I inclose[?] it for Sarah[?] to write her order in There are no [illegible] near[?] ...[illegible] [illegible] for the print of sailing for London – I hope you continue better. Shall be anxious to know by every port. Im in the advertiser[?] of today a quotation of Promotions[?] in the London Gazette wherein my name [illegible] and shortened are [illegible] in appointed members of Council for V.D.L. [Van Diemen's Land] \_\_r[?] Did Charles

write to the [illegible] -

For the Windows

For the Timber

and for the turned bannister rails

he should also mention that the Drawing room skirting board ought to be panelled – as the Ceiling is so but if it is cut out plain – never mind altering it – 16 inches I think is the width of it – Tell me how you get on from day to day - the post is closing

yours ever truly affectionately

J Leake