

Govt House[?]

My dearest Love

24<sup>th</sup> May 1850 –

4 o Clock

We got here safely yesterday afternoon about 5. O Clock – although Bri[?] Made one stumble[?] just as we entered Hobart Town by which Charles[?] was thrown out of the Gig but did not hurt himself – We found a letter at the Ship inn with a proposing[?] inside for him to go to Augustus Wilmot. and soon after both he and Mrs W called and would take no denial so he is there and very comfortable – I went to Gov. House to dinner[?] yesterday and both the Gov. and his Lady[?] expressed[?] a wish I had taken him here – however he is invited for Tomorrow. We have just got the [illegible] over. Of course [illegible] attended this [?] at 12. We came seeing the Soldiers fire and march[?] We called at Lt. Smiths I was very kindly welcomed. Mr Smith has a Boil[?] on one [illegible]

which prevents him going to the Ball.  
Called on Mr and Mrs Bedford[?] – they are quite well – as well as Mrs W. Bedford [illegible] and Teddy – all inquired kindly after you –

We[?] have a small Domestic Party at Govt House – Mr. and Mrs. Ian[?] B[?] being the only guests except[?] myself – you and Sarah would have been very comfortable My Bed Room is one which overlooks the Harbour Ships etc.[?] and an end window of it peeps into the Ball Room

We had a pleasant journey down[?] the Davidsons[?] kept us company at all the places we stopped at. We had a most brilliant day. I plan[?] time with the Gov. tomorrow we cannot leave before Monday to be home on Tuesday. [illegible] or Wednesday Morn[?] if we stop at Cap Hortons[?] on our way up – The [illegible] (Mr. Horne)[?] told me that they would be crossing[?] the Country in July

and would call - I believe the council  
will meet about that period -  
I hope your Cold is better and  
that I will have the pleasure of meeting you  
quite well - I should have enjoyed myself  
much more if you could have been with me  
The Derwent from my window looks like  
glass and the opposite hills are purpled  
in the rays[?] of the setting sun -  
I must now conclude - with  
Love to all at home

Your affectionate Husband

John Leake -

Mrs. Leake