

My dearest Love -

Govt House

24<sup>th</sup> May 1856 -

40 Fleet -

We got home safely yesterday  
afternoon about 5 o'clock - although Bunker  
made one stroke just as we entered Robert Lane  
by which Charles was thrown out of the gig but  
did not hurt himself - We found a letter at  
the Shop in with a pressing invitation for him to go  
to Augustus Belmont. I show after both he & Mrs  
we called it would take no denial so he is there  
and very comfortable - I went to Gov. House to  
dinner yesterday & both the Gov. & his lady expressed  
a wish I had taken him home - however he is  
invited for tomorrow - We have just got the  
Luce over. Of course this attended to the morning  
at 12. we were saying the Soldiers. Jim & March  
We called at St. Smiths & were very kindly  
welcomed. Mr. Smith has a Boat on one  
apart

What prevents her going to the Ball -

Called on Dr. Mrs. Bradford - they are quite well - as well as Mr. W. Bedford for and Sunday all enquired kindly after you -

We have a small Domestic Party at York House - Mr. & Mrs. Saw Bister being the only guests except myself - your Wash would have been very comfortable My Bed Room is one which overlooks the Harbour - Ships do. & an end window of it looks into the Ball Room -

We had a pleasant journey from the Davidson. Kept us company at all the places we stopped at - We have a most brilliant Day - If we time with the Gov. tomorrow we cannot leave before Monday to be home on Tuesday. Evening or Wednesday Morning if we stop at Cap. Horton's on our way up - The <sup>of</sup> Mrs. W. Horton told me that

they would be visiting the Country in July  
I would care. Believe the Council  
will meet about that period -

I hope your Cold is better, and  
that I shall have the pleasure of meeting you  
quite well - I should have enjoyed myself

much more if you could have been with me -  
The prospect from my window looks like  
fog and the opposite hills are purpled  
in the rays of the setting sun -

Must now conclude, with  
Love to all at home

Your affectionate Husband  
John Lake -

Mrs. Lake -