

Leith 6th Oct 1822

Dear Madam

I feel much pleasure in introducing to your acquaintance my very particular friends Mr & Mrs Leake and family (with whom I have spent many happy days in Hamburg) as I am certain you will find them a very great acquisition to your society in the distant land where they intend settling, and as you are by this time I am happy to hear, completely established and comfortably settled, you may have it in your power to be of service to them particularly on their arrival, which I will consider as a great favour, as much so so as if [illegible] to myself in person. I had the pleasure of spending last Wednesday evening at [Callender] house where I am happy to say I found all your friends well, and as they informed me that they were writing you by the same ship in which this goes, I must refer you to them for all news [illegible]. Wishing you all manner of prosperity & happiness I am Dear Aadam

yours very truly

Alex McLaren

Mrs [Burn]

Care of Mr Scott

Colonial Surgeon

Hobart Town