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Haverbridge 26 June  
1842

My dear Sir,

I am at last able to come down into  
the parlour and to walk a little  
in the veranda - after a  
confinement to my room of about  
a month - being about as much  
as all the sicknesses of my life,  
put together, have kept me  
in bed - I have felt very  
uncomfortable in consequence -  
the more so that with exception  
of my children and Misses Pen  
attendance and your friendly  
letter for which I assure you I  
feel much obliged both to yourself  
and Mrs Leake - I have been as

solitary and unregarded as if  
I had not a neighbour or acquaintance  
on the Island - whereas in my illness  
abroad - the brotherly attention of my  
fellow Officers used to make the time  
pass almost pleasantly -

I cannot exactly make out what  
my disorder is or was - Pain across  
my breast and pit of stomach - very  
low spirits and want of sleep - but  
with not much loss of appetite -

I have for many years past been  
occasionally attacked in this way  
but in this case it arose from a  
cold I contracted by waiting on my  
workmen two successive wet and  
windy days -

I am truly sorry to hear that your sons  
will be such losers - but it must be a  
great innovation to them that their industry  
has enabled them very differently from most  
to support it - I do not see that the loss <sup>of</sup> <sub>others</sub>

was occasioned by any fault of theirs  
who now a days can say what Merchant  
is solvent -

When should I trim my grape vine  
if you are not coming then very soon  
I must attempt it myself -

All my family are now with me  
and join in kind regards

Yours truly

W. Wood

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I forgot to say that I think I destroye the  
papers you ask for if not I shall find  
them and will send them in a day or two

Wm Wood 26<sup>th</sup> June  
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Mr Leitch Esq

Woodside

Campbell town

11<sup>th</sup>