

Leith 6<sup>th</sup> 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 must

so as if done to myself in person.

I had the pleasure of spending last  
Wednesday evening at Callender's house  
where I am happy to say I found all  
your friends well, and as they informed me  
that they were awaiting you by the same  
ship in which this goes, I must refer you  
to them for all news re. Wishing you all  
manner of prosperity & happiness.

and  
Dear Madam

Yours very truly  
John McLaren

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