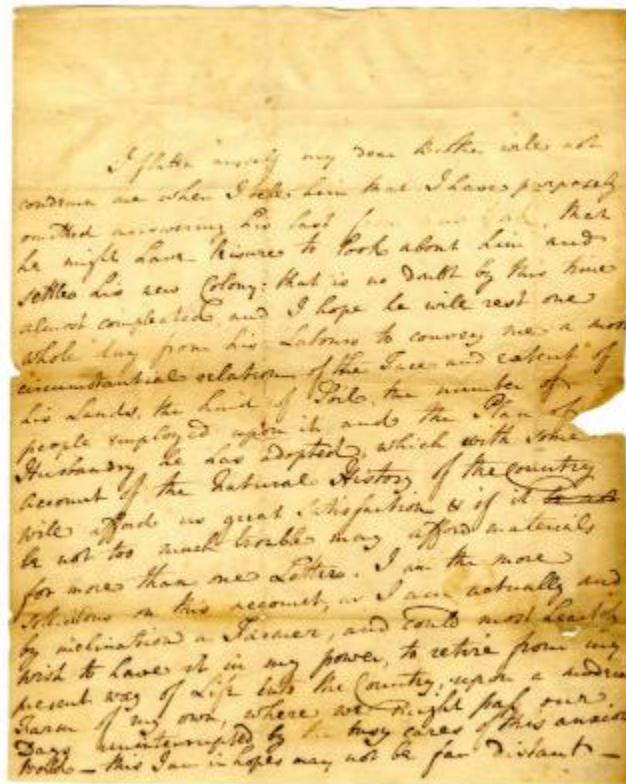


Leake family correspondence, circa 1772



I flatter myself, my dear brother, that I have proposed
on that account, his last year, that he
he might have himself to look about him and
settle his own glory: that is no doubt by this time
almost completed, and I hope he will rest me
whole day from his labours to convey me a more
circumstantial relation of the size and extent of
his lands, the kind of soil, the number of
people employed upon it, and the Pan of
husbandry he has adopted, which with other
account of the Natural History of the country
will afford us great satisfaction & if it ~~is~~
be not too much trouble may afford materials
for more than one letter. I am the more
inclined to this account, as I am actually and
by inclination a Farmer, and could most heartily
wish to have it in my power, to retire from my
present way of life into the country, upon a small
farm of my own, where we might pass our
days uninterrupted by the busy cares of this anxious
world - this I am hopes may not be far distant -

Unaddressed Leake family letter that begins with the statement "I flatter myself, dear brother..." The author of the letter is also uncertain, although it appears to match the handwriting of Robert W. Leake's mother, Ann Leake.

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