MS. 498/41

William Wilberforce to Josiah Pratt

Kens[ington] Gor[e] 10th May

Mondy 4 oClock

My dear Sir

I send you inclosed an Introduction & the commendation Letter to y^e Vicar of Leeds. Had you not better let me frank y^e packet to him. He is not rich, – But I thought my Letter had better accompany yours –

I applied at lord Bathurst's office for leave for y^{e} [f] poor Woman, in whose favour M^{rs} Grey had written to me, to go to New Sou Wales. M^r Goulburn promised he wo^d immed^y write to secure her a passage in y^{e} Kangaroo – Never mind being importunate – It is y^{e} only way of getting y^{e} Bus^s done – All my affairs are thrown into Chaos by y^{e} public meetings of last week, coersd [?] a vessel [???] [f]

I thank you for y^e Sermon – I am w. cordial regard [? ?]

My dear Sir

Yours sincerely

W. Wilberforce

Rev^d Josiah Pratt

PS It occurred to me that possibly you might be sending a parcel to y^e Vicar of Leeds