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My dear Sir

You have of course heard of the misfortune
that has happened to your old residence Hamburg -
As I understood you to say that you did not take in
the courier - I have sent mine - which contains some
account of it - Fire & flood are two direful agents -
but I hope the latter will not be so hurtful to me
an individual; as the former has been to Hamburg
as a community - but great commiseration and
assistance have been given to her by all the
neighbouring states - The Governor refused me
in my distress, (and in a very rude manner)
the trifling assistance of six men for ten days
for which may God reward him as he may merit -
I dare say he refuses to think that he can revenge
himself on me for acting according to my conscience
and my duty as a colonist - but I hope to get well
out of the affair in spite of his malice -
We have completed the banks to nearly their
original height but it will take ten days more
to make them firm - The corn is all uncovered
and dry, but looks very plump and sickly
with kind regards your truly
Wood

Cup Wood

2 Oct 1842

In Leake Esq

~~Providence~~

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W.M.