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Mr Thomas Perkins
Haverfordwest

26 Sept. 1826

I hasten to acknowledge the receipt of your letter covering your account No 23 In^d shewing a Balance in my favor of 4/4 after debiting it with a Twenty Pound Bank Eng. Post Bill, which I acknowledge the receipt of. - The account appears correct, which I dare say the Vouchers you intend sending in the parcel from Mr Summers will fully confirm. - I am obliged by the attention you have paid to my request on the subject of Walter's letter. - I wish it had referred somewhat to his own situation, as it would have given me much satisfaction, to have understood from himself that he was satisfied with it. - I believe that the Gent. who has the direction of my Estate, is well pleased with his conduct. - I apprehend it is his Elder Brother who continues on his Mother's farm. -

My latest letters from that quarter, were the middle of June, but many later arrivals are now daily expected.

I note your intention to call upon the Tenantry in Rock Parish soon, it will be well to fix some certain periods of payment, at which it will be always expected that the whole of the past half years, with a portion of the former arrears shall be discharged. - this will not preclude the receipt of money on acct. of arrears in the intervals. You will please to consider the best periods for the accommodation of the farmers which should be fixed for this purpose making the same fixed period for the tenants at Glade & Dams Hill. This however need not be done in haste, until all the Leases are complete, and you have considered at what distance from the day at which the half years rents respectively become

due, it will be on the whole most proper, and concerning which you will write to me.

Yours truly

RB

What Lands are the two Poor Rates paid for?

P.S. Having referred to former correspondence with Mr Henry Rees respecting Interest due on a W. W. & J. Davies Turnpike Ticket - I have thought it necessary to write to him on the subject - If he should make you any payment thereon, be careful to give him only a receipt on account - without entering into any matter of dates. you will please however not to make any application to him or appear to know that I have written to him. —

Henry Rees Esq^r
Haverfordwest

27 Sep^r 1824

I am sure it will not escape your recollection that when in the year 1813, I was informed that after a long cessation of the payment of Interest on the Haverfordwest W. W. & J. Davies Turnpike Mortgage Tickets, it had been resumed for some time, and that many of the holders of these securities had received their Interest, application was made to put me upon an equal footing with them. — In 1816, when I was at Haverfordwest, I made a similar application, to which I received your reply. — In 1821 I find another letter from you in answer to an application from my late friend Mr. Johnstone. — In 1824, you sent him £15. on account, but without any statement that I can find, or hear of the amount of arrear, or the years for which this payment was made, so that I have not the information necessary to make out my own demand. —

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In the letter inclosing to Mr Johnstone this 13, you state that the Trustees "contemplating paying the Interest regularly on" - He died soon after, & I believe no payment has since been made on my account. -

I beg now to repeat generally, my claim to be put upon the same ground with those who have received other payments of Interest, than what I have, & I take the liberty to call upon you, who if I mistake not have long been both Treasurer & Clerk to the Trust, for such a statement as will shew what balance is due to me on the score before mentioned - I remain respectfully
Yr's R B

Mr D Warts
Crowley House. Winchester

29 Sept 1826

I really forgot that part of your letter of 15th which mentioned the Woman at Winchester, who in your opinion would answer the purpose at Crowley & till I referred to it again, just now to see the dimensions of the Windows, it quite escaped me. - If I had answered it immediately, I dare say you would have engaged her - if she has in the mean time fixed herself elsewhere I shall be sorry for my omission - If she has not engaged her on the best terms you can

I certainly approve of the mode proposed by Mr Henry Bright, for the management of the Burgo break, on Norman Down - I have yet formed no decided opinion, about the proposed planting on Norman Down.

You will proceed with cutting the Clumps in the Pleasure Ground, as proposed. -

Be careful to burn all the Elm Bark of the decayed trees - If you were to singe the ^{outside} of all the Elm Bodies which are cut down as far as the Bark was stripped, it might do good. - I have no faith in

washing the outside of the Bark of Standing Trees - because the mischief is done by the Eggs that are deposited as I believe within the Bark, when the Grubs are hatched - Other Insects when perfect bore their way & fly out, depositing their Eggs in cavities in the same bark or in that of other decaying Trees; for I do not think that in the first instance, they create the decay, - altho' I doubt not, they greatly hasten it, in Trees which have begun to fail - Mr. B - letter I am glad you forwarded.

I find these Insects the *Scolytus destructor* is unfortunately well known in this Neighbourhood particularly at Clifton - I have never seen any traces of them here - I have carefully burned every piece of bark you sent - & I wish to have no more.

I find either from you or Mr. H. B. that Twenty or Thirty brace of Pheasants may be killed this season. - I have special occasion to make presents of Game among Mr. H. B. Friends here, & therefore I would have the Pheasants killed, as close this year as with any propriety can be done. - Hares too may be reduced in number, considerably, - and as I hope, yet that many Partridges may be shot - & that you have sent to the Bishop & Mr. Kent (the only special orders, I think I have given) - I shall expect a considerable supply for these three or four weeks - let them be all cool before packed - which ought not to be, till twelve hours at least, after they are killed - the use of Charcoal is very advantageous.

I shall send the Curtains next week - I suppose the Carp. at Crawley - can make the Curtain rails, getting from Winchester the Pulley wheels, as the Curtains had better draw up, than be drawn aside on Rods, as is the fashion - The Curtain rails cannot be made until the Curtains are in your possession.

R B

Messrs. Paxton & Graham
304 Wapping — London

29 Sept. 1826

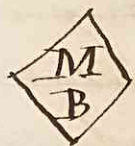
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By the Packet just arrived, I have received from my Attorney at Heylesfield (San la Mar Jama.) the underwritten indent of Articles wanting for the repair of the Steam Engine, you sent out for me about five years ago, — My friends here Messrs. Gibbs, Son & Bright, having a ship very soon to be dispatched for that part of the Island. I request you will send the various articles to them by Wagon — except the Cast Iron Grating Bars — I send them the Bill of Parcels for the whole — who will remit you the amount for my Account. —

The Cast Iron Grating Bars. I desire you to ship on board the first Vessel that will deliver them at San la Mar. to the order of Edward Smith Esq. —

It appearing that some of these articles will be wanting before the Engine can be set to work for the ensuing Crop which always commences on that Estate before Christmas. I entreat that you will expedite the forwarding the several articles to Bristol as much as possible — that the early conveyance before referred to, may be taken advantage of. — Have the goodness to acknowledge this letter to Messrs. Gibbs, Son & Bright.

I remain



One Piston Rod

One Slide Rod

One Set of Brasses for Engine connecting Machinery

2 Mills — complete

Two Saddle Blocks for Beam — complete

One Set Brass Governor Wheels

One Cock & 33 In. of Iron pipe for vacuum Gauge

Two Gauge Cocks

One Air Vessel for feed pump —

One Box of Iron Cement —

18 Grating Bars of Old Pattern

18 Grating Bars for boiler, to burn Trash & Wood
4 feet long, & stouter in the middle.

P. G.

6 P.S. I find that Messrs. "Gibbs & Co." ship, with other
Stores for my Estates, will be ready for Sea in less
than a fortnight. I pray therefore your best exertions
to have these articles ready — R B

Mr Thomas Courtney 30 Sep. 1826
Meadbourn Worthy Winchester

Messrs. Wickham & Hunt Esq. having advised your
payment to them for my account of Four Hundred
thirty four Pounds three Shillings & nine pence. I acknow-
ledge the same on account of rent due Lady day last,
but if I am correct in stating the half years Land
Tax at £14. 7. 6. which is the sum paid by & allowed
to Mr Bennett, there will yet remain due to me,
a Balance of £18. 9, to complete the full rent up
to that time, of £450.

I am much obliged by the punctuality with which
you have made this payment — and I shall in future
recollect your wish to postpone your Michaelmas
payment until the latter part of October.

If you agree with me in the small Balance as
above stated, I will pay the same to Messrs. Wickham
& Co. I will send you a full discharge for the half years
rent — I remain Sir, R B

Messrs. Dobbin & Co. W. G. 30 Sep. 1826

Mr Bright incloses a letter he has just
received — to explain why he applies for the rent just
now due to Mr. Garnett — He requests Messrs. Dobbin & Co.
to return the letter to him & enable him to reply to it.

Edward Smith Esq^r

4 Oct^r. 1826

Keylersfield. Sav. la Mar. Jamaica

I put under Cover of my letter to you of 7th Ult^o. Since its date I have received Packet / say on 31 Ult^o / your letter of 3 Augth, with Indents for Supplies for Keylersfield & Gardew. & Bills loading of Alicia of 118 Wds, & 28 Bbls & One Box Sugar & 92 Pms Rum , which being 3 Pms short of your former advice, I conclude they were used in filling up the 20 Pms Rum which were left by Capt. Gardew.

The Alicia I understand, was about to sail, or had actually proceeded, to Palmouth, to fill up, & take on board the 80 Wds & 25 Pms Rum, the concluding shipment of the Gardew Crop. — In my last I mentioned that the Colon & of Rum of Bonty Hall, was approved. — I have now the pleasure to advise, that they were sold at 4/1 Imperial Gall. the highest which any rum had reached in the present year, owing I suppose in part, to a shade of general advance, in that article; but if so, certainly it has given proof of its being excellently well suited, for the Liverpool Market. — I hope the Rum of the Berlin will meet as favorable a sale. — I have the pleasure to say, letters reached me on Monday, stating her arrival.

The Sugar of Bonty Hall had not been sold. — Just now there is a little stagnation in the market. — If it maintains the last ^{monthly} prices, it will be as much as can be expected. —

The Bristol likewise arrived three days ago, & is at the quay; but had not yesterday noon, begun to discharge. —

The Avon, which loaded at Kingston & Old Harbour, is likewise arrived. She is discharging, & as it is supposed being new, she will require no repair; it is intended to load & send her to Sea with all possible dispatch, which it is hoped will be in Three Weeks, from this time. —

The day of the arrival of the Indents I sent orders to Mess^{rs} Buxton & Co, to hasten all the Machinery for the repair, or as cautionary, for the Steam Engine, to be sent ^{here} by Waggon, to be forwarded off the Iron, & I hope they will comply with my request, - except the Grating Bars, which I have requested them to ship on the first conveyance from London, to San la Mar. —

It certainly is proper, to get ~~the whole~~ whatever is necessary for the repair or replacement of any of the parts of the Machine from the maker, - because he has the patterns, & alone can make the parts to fit. - But in future, the Heavy Bars for the Fire Places & the other parts of the Fire place, had best be sent from hence, on account of the expence of Land Carriage, & therefore you will please, when the next are wanting, to send Wooden Patterns of the Bars, to Mess^{rs} Gibbs Son & Bright. —

The Brick Bricks will go by the Iron. —

The Syphon & other Copper are already ordered, & I fully expect they will be ready & be shipped off Iron. By which conveyance, will likewise be sent 70 or 80 Wds Coal, part of the Iron & Wood Hoops, Rivets, & Nails; Herrings if any to be had, at the time, some of the Board for heading &c. and such other articles as can be procured ready in time for this ship. —

The Clothing, general Ironmongery &c. will I expect all be kept for the Iron, which Ship I am assured, will be dispatched soon after the Iron. —

I understood it is Mess^{rs} Gibbs & Co wish, by the early dispatch & return of the Iron, to be able to succeed in sending her two voyages in the year, and with that view they intend directing (which meets with my approbation) that after taking on board at San la Mar all the Sugars & Rum, which shall be ready for her at Haylesfield, & ascertaining how much of the

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Garrow's Crop, can be ready for shipment. That she shall proceed to Falmouth, to take the Garrow's Sugar & Rum & fill up. - The early made Sugar & Rum at Garrow's, must therefore be reserved for her, & no engagement made for Freight to Liverpool, until after the above quantity is provided. - As soon as that is done, you will secure Freight for as much as may be necessary for Liverpool, & ship all you can, for that Port by the first ship to sail, after the above is provided for. -

The Plates ordered for Covering the Cooling Sheds, & Smith's Shop, could not be prepared sooner than for the above. - I have directed them to be of the same sizes, & pack'd in the same manner, as those which were sent for the Millhouse &c. - I do not recollect before of your having intended for Boards for heading, it may be fortunate that you did, altho' you could not have known, at the time of inserting that article, of the Check which direct intercourse with America, would receive. - The whole of the Coals, will, as I believe, I have before mentioned to you, be sent in New Sugar & Rum. -

It is universally allowed, that there is a general but slow amendment in Manufactures of every kind. - Mechanics find more employment, & prices of goods advance; in consequence of an increased demand. - This is the only ground to hope for an amelioration in the Market for Sugar Rum & Coffee. - Cotton certainly has greatly increased in demand & in a moderate degree in price.

On the other very important topic of your letter, I can at present only thank you for having taken it under your consideration. - Every thing further must defer until I can have an opportunity to consult with my Son W. Robt. Bright, who is now at the

Sea side for the recovery of his health, where his family likewise are. - His strength is gradually returning and I flatter myself that before the sailing of the November Packet, he will find himself able without risque, to return home and enter again steadily on Business - Mr Gibbs health, most fortunately, is at this time very good, & this renders my Sons necessary absence, the less to be regretted.

My best wishes attend you & yours & I remain
 Dear Sir &c

Of Oct. Packet Copy

RB

Mr J Barnett

7 Oct. 1826

Winnings Colwall Malvern

I could not conveniently answer your letter of the 1st, sooner. I now reply to it by Mr Jones, who leaves this on Monday Morn & I will reach Old Castle Monday night, ready to meet the Tenants at your House, Wednesday & Thursday, as before determined.

I not your having given notice to the Tenants, I endeavour to see Miss Calcraft, which was all you could do in that case.

I know that under the circumstance of D. Trogors having given you the key, and not Mr Meyrick and that you put Mr Meyrick in possession, it is of no consequence, what becomes of the Paper, which Trogors had; yet I had rather know what was become of it. - Do not however give yourself any further trouble about it, except when you chance to see him ask him for it; if he says ^{it is} destroyed, make a Mem. of it. - Do not seek him on purpose. It will be necessary that some Agreement in writing, should be entered into, with Mr. Meyrick, I would have it, as nearly as may be, to the same tenor, with that Mem. which Trogors had.

It is quite necessary that I should repose full confidence in you, respecting ^{necessary} occasional repairs, without previously consulting me; where you can do it, without material delay I wish it previously done, or where it is of no great extent or importance.

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The necessity of the case, seems to have rendered the repair to Hop Room & Cyder Mill at Chwall Mill necessary, but how it is possible, that it should have been found, particularly the Mill; in such a dilapidated state, I cannot conceive.

Your applying to the purpose, the useless Mill at the Upper House, fitting the Runner to it (of the Old Mill) was judicious.

The necessity of buying dry wood, for any jobs of the kind, will I hope be obviated, by a small store, being always hereafter kept. - If the Screw to the Press, was so bad, how did he manage last year? but, I dare say, you found it, & the repair of the Barn floor necessary. - That things go to rack & ruin so, must be the Servants neglect. - I dare say, you have done right in employing Mr. Gregg, Stone Mason at Ledbury, not doubting but he can, from being more used to it, do such Jobs better than Wharton, & in cases in which you think things will be better done by him, let him be employed. - I know that the Barn Floor at Brookhill has long been in a state to be complained of, the means you have taken for its repair, meet fully my approbation. - If it was possible to make good drains outside, to prevent the water from getting in, under the floor, it would be most advantageous, but that cannot now be done. - I have just now learned, that Mr. Edmund Russell, has been - or perhaps now is in France, but as Term time approaches, he will necessarily be soon returned. - I very much regret the cause for consulting him. - I think it a question on which every one who ever puts sheep to pasture, on the Hill is concerned. - The fall in Hops gives me concern. - They certainly will at these prices give a profit to the Hop Merchants, and yet I do not, in the present case, or in any other, recommend the little Growers to speculate.

I apprehend that so late in the year, with these unexpected repairs coming in the way, that no beginning beyond cutting out the Timber, will be made towards the Lower House, and I hope the Gangers have been at work. At your leisure inform me, if Sammey has considered the Plans, & if you think him capable to undertake it.

If the Timber was dry enough - & he does the Work, there would be employment for him, all the Winter through, in preparing for the Spring -

Mr Jones will attend at your House on Wednesday & Thursday to receive Rent & give receipts, but I desire you to be present all the time, that they may consider Mr Jones only as your assistant - I only want the affairs a little brought up, to put the whole under your management. I have instructed him to be very peremptory, with defaulters, stating fully my directions to that purpose, and I beg you to understand that it is my full determination to act up to my declared purpose to be much more strenuous in future than I have been. - Several particular instructions I have given to Mr Jones which he will communicate to you. - I have told him to listen to know complaint, or business of any other kind, than that of urging payment & receiving money - Every thing else is left to you.

Mr Henry Bright having returned sooner than he originally intended, will I hope find time to spend a few days in Cornwall, as soon as Mr Jones leaves it (I shall propose this to him) when I hope you will be able to ride with him over the greater part of the lands that you may judge together how the Tenants conduct themselves as farmers of the Land. - As I shall see Mr Jones before he sets out whatever else I have to say, I will communicate to him. -

RB

This intended for Mr Jones. I have thought it better to forward by Post preparatory to his arrival - as he may not see you till Tuesday - & Tuesday you may be engaged at Seabury. -

Mr. Jos. Barnett

Winnings Colwall

Bristol - 9 October 1826

Mr. Jones left Bristol this Morning for Colwall - In respect to the Money for the Coppice, I shall leave that in your hands to receive according to the terms fixed at the Sale - Mr. Jones will have nothing to do therewith - I am obliged by your having written to Miss Calcraft - I cannot forgive John Morgan he has treated me very ill - It has determined me to take the House into my own hands - but this you will not now inform him of - If I understand the information he gave you correctly - he has removed some of his furniture - Where is it gone to? I do not wish if I can avoid it to get into any legal dispute about the Water of the Spring - but without saying any thing further on the Subject just now - I desire you will have a Stone-mason work drain made across the road - from the Hill to Old Castle - so that the Water cannot be turned with the Facility it is now, down the Lane - I wish this done at once & effectually - you will order it & see it done, without consulting with any one else - I know nothing of any letter written or supposed to be written by Mr. L. Bright -

I am Yours &c
R.B.

Mr. A. P. Goode

Stavordwest

Stam Green }
Bristol - 10 Oct^r, 1826

My Mind has been so engaged in many ways, that I could not fully consider earlier your Letter or make up my Mind as to the propriety of your mode of estimation - For the Lease of 21 Years you estimate at the price of the day for Produce - and not on any Average of years - so that last Year & very probably the next, an Estate would be deemed nearly half as much more worth for the next 21 Years, than it is in the present Year - this is the right way to calculate for a yearly renting - but not for a Lease - and such as I cannot act upon - Unless Mr. Gille comes much nearer to my estimate than yours, I cannot let Southwood to him on lease - The bad Crops of the last Harvest, have been caused by such a season as is not remembered - and the general depression of trade & manufactures depending on the Calamities of

of the last Year has been the cause of the lowness of Prices - this however
thank God is gradually ceasing - and I feel little doubt but that by this
time twelve Months, we shall find the Country in nearly the same degree
of prosperity as ever - I have not any fear of a permanent evil arising
from opening the Port - It may prevent in the approaching Spring of the Year
an exorbitant price for Oats & Barley, but that is all - Mr. Child offers
me £150 p Annum, which with every possible accommodation of Buildings that a
Farmer can have - is barely 10/- of Acre - I shall be very sorry not to agree
with him, but I shall not do it, unless he advances considerably on this
sum - I asked him much less than I thought it worth when I named
£200 p Annum - & I certainly did not expect you would have estimated it
at less - nor would you, had the estimate been made any other year than in
the present; & had I answered you or his letter by return of Post, I should
have peremptorily have abided by it - You have now however my
permission to agree with him for this Estate for 21 Years from 29 Septem^r
now past, at One hundred & seventy five Pounds - on the same general Con-
dition as the other Leases - with the exemption of the permission to haul off
Hay & Straw; & with a sufficient Clause for using Lime as a manure; but
I cannot go lower in the Rent for the lease - I shall not write to him
because it will be better done by one Correspondence than two - as there will
arise less chance of any misunderstanding - besides I have more correspondence
already on my hands than I can well accomplish - A Rent to rise &
fall with the Price of Produce is, I know theoretically good - but it is
difficult to Act upon - I believe I did wrong in acceding to Mr. Rees'
using the Old Materials, but it is too late to retreat - As I consider
the value of Slade hereafter to be greater, the less the proportion of Arable; -
I am disinclined to allow Mr. Bowen to break up a greater quantity than
the 5 Acres annually - I understand by your letter that you have acceded
on my part to the hauling off of Hay & Straw from Slade, on condition of a
return of 4 Loads of Dung, for every load carried off - If you come
to terms with Mr. Child, I believe all preliminary arrangements will be
complete, & I hope nothing will interfere with Mr. Summers preparing the
whole which depends upon him without delay - If Rock Parish is valued
to equalize the Poor Rate, I take for granted such estimates will be made,
only

only as to relative & not actual ^{values} Advances - There are many reasons in favor of this - and as ^{this is made the} only a fair proportion of the Burthen of the Poor, should fall on each Individual - there is no reason a Valuation should otherwise be made -

I think you said that Stanton, has been valued on this principle -

I regret the delay of my Letter, but I could not well avoid it - I consider myself obliged & am very thankful, for the clear view & ground of your Opinions & reasoning on the matters before you - altho' I may not agree with you on the results - At all times, I shall have much satisfaction in receiving such information respecting the discharge of the Newgol Stream through the Beach or any other matter which has reference either immediately or indirectly to any of my properties in the County, & for the present I subscribe myself

Yours &c

R.B.

Say to Mr. Child that having written to you fully, I have not thought it necessary to answer his Letter -

Yrs: Wm Gibbs Bright Esq
Liverpool

17 October 1824

I was favored with your Letter of 11 Inst. covering Sales of 30 Tons of Messy - & 10 Duff Bonty Hall, both which appear to be correct, & their Nett Proceeds are to your debit £415. 1. 2. & £148. 17. 9 - The Charges I suppose are customary they exceed none.

It certainly is to be regretted, that you had not disposed of my Sugar of the Bonty Hall, during the late favorable prices - Your Wm Gibbs assures me, that the depreciation here has not exceeded 2/4, which you state in Liverpool to be from 3/4 to 4/4. I hope your apprehensions have aggravated the real fact - Be that however as it may, I wish you to proceed in the sale of my Sugar, whenever a fair opportunity offers, of obtaining the market price, without forcing the market - As to your suggestion I would have you begin with those of Berlin. When those are drawn I shall beg to be furnished with a Sample or two by the Coach to compare them with

Edward Smith Esq^r

18 October 1826

Meylersfield Sav. la Paroisse Jamaica

Government having thought fit to establish a second Packet for Jamaica direct for the special purpose of a more regular & speedy communication with South America & Mexico, I avail myself of the information, which has this moment reached me, to put under cover, by it, Copy of my respects of 4 Inst.

There are reports of a Whicome in the Gulf in the beginning of Sept^r, & that after it, a large West Indian man, was seen on shore on the reefs, out of the means of relief. This of course makes no comparisons, on account of the Meia. It is understood (I believe from a Jamaica paper) that she sailed from Baltimore on the 21 August - which it is feared may affect some insurances by her. Mine I am happy to say had been prolonged to the 1 September, others only to the 20th. Before the sailing of the Avon, who clears at Custom House on Saturday, we shall I hope have certain news of her & the other ships expected. The Steam Engine Work will be shipped from London direct.

Mr. Robt Bright is better but not yet returned from the sea side. I remain &c.

Y^r 2^d Packet for Octo. Copy of Avon

E. M. Barrett Esq^r

18 October 1826

Hope End Ledbury

Yours favor of 22 Sept^r, which had unfortunately been put under cover to my Son, whilst he was in Paris, from whence he returned very lately, spending a week in Hampshire on his way to Bristol, did not come into my hands until this morning. His absence being quite uncertain his letters were not forwarded to him to France. I think it necessary to enter into this detail, to free myself from the otherwise unavoidable imputation

of inattention to you. — I before explained ~~to you~~
 that my Son & myself had no other view in troubling
 ourselves on the subject of a deputation than preventing
 that of Colwall & Coddington, getting into the hands of some one, who
 might be troublesome both to you & ourselves. When we heard that
 the option rested with you we were perfectly satisfied, and
^{regretted} ~~regretted~~ that any enquiries had been made. — Since we
 understood that to be the case, I have taken no other measure
 relative to the deputation, nor shall I on a future occasion,
 without a previous communication with you on the subject,
 should any reason occur to make it more desirable, that
 a Gamekeeper should be appointed than appears at present.
 I beg to repeat, that on all occasions in which our mutual
 interest or accommodation is concerned, whether personally or
 as it regards our properties, I shall be most happy to act in
 conjunction with you. — Mr Henry Bright joins me in
 respects & I do myself the pleasure to assure you that
 I am

Yr Dc.

R.B.

Edward Smith Esq

21 Octo^r 1826

Keylersfield Sav. la Mar Jamaica

With the Copy of a few lines written by the 2^d
 Monthly Packet for your Island. I have only to add by
 the ~~Arr~~ the request of your acceptance of some Bottled
 liquor &c which Mrs. Gibble have shipped for your
 use by her. — They will furnish you with Invoice & Bill
 Lading of such articles as could be shipped on her
 for the use of Keylersfield. — but as I have not had
 an opportunity of seeing them, I can only note that
 the principal articles which ^{not} are on board, but will
 be shipped by the ~~Arr~~ — are Negroe Clothing, Herrings
 & other Provisions, Staves & remainder of Cattle. —

The Copper Cyphon & Tanch, are in the ~~Arr~~

I the other articles for repair of the Engine, are
promised by Mess^{rs} Graham to be shipped by a Vessel
of Mess^{rs} Colville & Wedderburne, to sail on or about
the 26th Inst. - the name of the ship I am not furnish'd
with. - If any thing is heard on the subject of the
Africa, before the sailing of the Iron. Mess^{rs} Gibbs &
Bought will of course advise you. I may not hear of
it so soon. The Sugar Market continues in a
state of great inactivity, rather in decline. - Rum
remains the same, Coffee not better, & Cotton slowly
advancing. - There being a continued increasing
demand for the Manufactured articles. - From the
continued fine weather of the last & present month,
it is greatly hoped that the distresses of the lower Clapes,
will be much less than was apprehended.

I had nearly omitted to mention that the Rums by
the Berlin are not so much approved for the Colon
as those by the Bounty Hall - nor is the parcel
uniform in flavor. - The Rums of Berlin are
not yet sold. I have no doubt but this has
been accidental. - I thought it right however to
state it. - With my best wishes to yourself
& family - I remain &c
Y^r Iron

RB

Thomas Woodham Esq^r
Winchester

21 Oct^r 1826

It is contrary to my disposition to urge
payment from any one except under circumstances
such as occur at this time, both as it respects you
& myself. Up to the 29th Sept^r there were two years rent
due besides the proceeds of the Court held for 1825 at
Sutton. - Of this all except the last half year, rent
is actually payable according to customary forbearance

And besides this there is to be added the receipts at
 Sutton Manor Court, which, I reminded you in April
 last - ought to be held without delay - if it had not then
 been attended to - I do not, upon referring back to
 my letters, find any subsequent information from you
 on the subject. - So much as it refers to you. In respect
 to myself, I am constrained to say, that I am in
 actual want of the Money, - a considerable loss I have
 sustained of money - since the stoppage of W. P. Cole & Co.,
 where I had a large sum, of which only a small part
 is yet paid; the very - very heavy expence which my
 sons late return to Parliament - after a strong contest -
 has involved me in, & disappointments in other
 quarters to a large extent. - have placed me in a
 state of present want, that I have not before experienced,
 & which forces me to make a most peremptory
 demand for payment - which I request you to
 make by placing the Amount to my Credit with
 Messrs. Wickham & Montagu - I wrote to you in Aug.
 to which I have had no reply. I remain &c.
 RB

Mr. Browning

21 Oct. 1826

Trampton Green. Gloucester

My Clerk who I sent to Chwall to receive Rents -
 in connection with my friend Mr. Barnett of Wittings -
 and in conformity with notice previously given by Mr.
 Barnett, is returned having received from Mr. Hartland
 on your & his Account only One Hundred & Five
 Pounds - in part of the arrears of Rent due to 2 Feb^r
 last of £521. 7. 0 leaving a Balance of £446. 7. 0 besides
 the Half years Rent due 1 Aug^r last of £115 - making
 the whole sum now due to me Five Hundred &
 thirty one Pounds Seven Shillings. -

Nothing but your known property & your responsibility to me as ~~first~~ joint tenant of Brookbury with your son in Law Hartland & the desire I had to serve you & daughter & her family would have prevented my taking other measures than mere solicitations to enforce payment - and more especially after you have paid so little attention to my letters or your own promises. - I feel however satisfied, that for your own Credit & your Daughter's welfare you will anticipate any strong measures I may think it advisable to take by making a speedy & considerable payment to me on your & W. Hartland's joint account. -

The application I have made to you by letter of the 1st to Gloster must have reached you for if not taken from the office, they would have been returned before this time.

My future conduct will depend entirely on the notice you take of this letter waiting your reply I remain
Yours &c R B

Mr Brown

21 October 1826

Commings Estate - Colwall

It distresses me very much to find by the return of my Clerk W. Jones, that in the payment you have made to him you have not made any reduction whatever in the arrears of rent that have been so long accumulating. I call once more your serious attention to it. I hope not to be obliged to do more than to solicit this again in strong terms; but any considerable further delay will force me to measures that we shall both of us have reason to lament. -

I wish you & your family well but you must recollect that I have a family likewise & that I have duties to perform to them & myself I am Madam &c
R B

W^m Dipple

21 October 1826

Cool Barn - Colwall

I certainly do not claim a legal engagement on your part on behalf your son but when you solicited for him a preference of the Stone Estate I consider what passed between us as an implied guarantee for the rent or at least you would take care it should ^{not} become & continue in arrear in the manner it has. — I know not whether M^r Jones explained to you that the arrears of rent due for the Stone after the payment made to him amounted to £38. 4. 0 / at 2 Feb^y last — With the half years rent due 1 Aug^t now passed, amounted to £54. 8. 0.

I do not require the arrears to be immediately all paid up — but I shall & do insist that besides the half years rents as they become due — some considerable decrease shall be made of former arrears — I think it right to give you full notice of my expectation that the first reduction of the arrears shall take place before Christmas by a payment to M^r Barnett on my account — that you may not think me harsh towards your son should I take means to recover immediate payment of the whole. — I am greatly pleased at finding from M^r Jones that your son who has been ill, is in so fair a way of recovery — I most sincerely lamenting the severe losses you have sustained by death in your family I subscribe myself

Sir &c. RB —

M^r Charles Lucy
Wanley

21 October 1826

As I had nothing to object to your statement respecting the rent of the land you hold of mine at Wanley — as the result of what passed when I was last year at Malvern — Altho' I am well satisfied now, that I was too ready to yield to the reduction in rent from that at which it was originally let to your late Brother — I did not think it necessary to put you to the ~~dis~~exchange of postage. My Clerk had full instructions on the subject & if you will now

pay Mr. Barnett Eighteen Combs - he will give you in my name a discharge for a Years Rent - I hope your Hop Yard was as productive as the generality of those in Herefordshire. - I take for granted that you speculate with your Crop in certain expectation of profit by keeping till the next year - I wish other of my acquaintance had been able to do so -
 I remain Sir &c R B

Mr. Joseph E. Barnett
 Winnings Chwall Malvern

24 Oct. 1824

As a further explanation of my wishes on some points which Mr. Jones reported to me. I have written some Memorandums, which I have directed him to copy & inclose to you - Mr. Henry Bright left this for Chepstow this morning & I expect will be at Old Castle by middle day tomorrow. I expect his stay will be but very few days, as I dare say he will in that time have walked with his Gun over the greater part of the Land & made such observations as occur to him - But as his time is limited he will not have opportunity to enter into many particulars - He is in general informed of my wishes.

I have been unwell for the last week but am now better - I hope to be out again in a day or two. - I expected to have heard here this of Poole's payment to you - Is the underground passage for the Water made under the lane leading from the Beacon Road to Old Castle. If not I wish it immediately to be done. Mr. Jones did not mention it -
 R B

24 Mem.^o — Inclosed in Letter to Mr Barnett
24 October 1826 — — — — — Vir

Lower House Wendine

I find from Mr Jones, that nothing has been done towards the foundation of this House, which it was my wish to have, to the level of the Kitchen Door Sill, before Winter, to have it then well covered with Long Dury House Stones over it, that as early as possible in the Spring the Walls might be carried to their full height. — The foundation being thus laid out, the Carpenter can by no means mistake any of the lengths of the Timber Work.

He thinks that it may have been delayed from a wish to have the position of the whole changed, because some one does not like the place of the Dairy. — I well considered this matter before I determined. The Window of the Dairy as now placed is as nearly as can be East & by North. — It is I don't not taking the year through, almost the best possible aspect. — I therefore shall not consent to have it changed on this account & if this is one of the chief causes for delay I desire the foundation may immediately be proceeded with. The drawings having been completed after full consideration the plan will not in any part be deviated from.

John James Cottage & Land — Baggend Acre

The Land measures 2 Acres 11 Perch. with a Cottage that ought to have been kept in repair by James. The rent of the whole has always been £40⁰ 0⁰. No rent has been paid these two or three years. & James himself does not appear to make any profit by the Land. I will not suffer this Cottage & Land to be occupied without my receiving my rent for it and James his Wife must inevitably quit.

If however the Parish will indemnify me, for a very moderate rent for the Cottage & Garden, & Mr William King, in the midst of whose lands it lies, will give me the

fare went for the Land - I will relinquish all my claims upon James for arrears & continue him & his Wife, in the occupation of the House & Garden, for as long a time as the Parish chuses to continue to pay their rent, but no longer - The Parish & Mr King must speedily make up their minds on this subject or I must take the necessary means to get full possession & turn the Old people out - & the Parish must take to them altogether. -

Brands Lodge

If the original Agreement made between Mr Barnett & Mr. Tynor is not to be found I desire a Copy of it which doubtless Mr Barnett has of it, that a corresponding agreement may be entered into between Mr Mayrick & myself - and this should be done immediately. -

Throll Lodge

I have written fully on this subject, it may however be necessary to add by way of explanation that John Morgan if he continues in the Cottage, must not hold it as part of his former tithing, but must give the whole up to me, & hold the Cottage as Subtenant to Miss Calcraft, paying her an acknowledgement for as long a time, as she chuses to permit him to live there, & during that time, continuing to occupy the Premises as my tenant. - And as John Morgan has exercised a Priviledge I gave him to cut Fern and Broom on the Mill, as a compensation for his endeavor to keep off Trespassers, he must relinquish to Mr Barnett all such Authority & License - & cease to exercise the same - unless I chuse to reappoint him. -

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to Mr Jos Barnett
Winnings Colwall Malvern

24 Oct. 1826

I have received the Parcel of Notes paid and unpaid & your Accounts - They shall be immediately examined in the meantime I send you an order on Well & Co for £100 - the Balance then remaining in your favor shall be discharged by a similar order as soon as the Accounts are examined

The Sum agreed to this you ought to have received from Poole - but that whatever you receive for Rents I wish for regularity sake should be distinctly paid into Well to my Credit.

Mr Henry Bright set out yesterday & I hope has by this time reached Old Castle. - I do not know whether you have the measures of the different Coppices - if you have not I will send them - when you have determined upon what will be the part most proper to fall this year you will let me know - as ours is so small a fall compared to Lord Somers - I would let his Sale always precede ours - I think it will be for our advantage generally.

I wish everything done to accommodate Mr Heyrick therefore not only the two smoke dispersers but any other means which may be suggested to cure the smoky Chimneys I will be happy to adopt - I fear however that in a situation so directly under the Hill - there will be always a difficulty in some winds to prevent the inconvenience. - You will please always to keep the Chief Rents & parochial payments close up. -

You did right not to take the Bill of £81 from Poole in payment as you knew none of the parties - but I trust you will take care to get from him the amount - If you had taken it you should have given him only a special Receipt for the Bill specifying particulars - "which if paid when due will be on acct of Rent &c"

I am obliged by your keeping the Upper Horse Down Account distinct. When the Old Wheat is threshed I wish the New Wheat likewise brought to Market - that the whole of that account may be closed. - I fear I shall be totally disappointed about the Ram for my Lane & Sheep - If I am I will let you know next week. You may sound Dec whether he would not like to have

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them at a fair value as the foundation of a Will Block - But in this you will please use your discretion. -

The letter I before wrote on the subject of Broad Lodge & the addition I made in Prem. inclosed to you under cover of a letter for Mr H B. that you will probably receive to day is all I have to say on that subject. - I remain &c
R B

Thos. Webb Esq
Ledbury

24 October 1826

I desire that when Mr Jos. Barnett calls upon you for it - you will pay to him for my Account One Hundred Pounds -

R B.

Mr Thomas Perkins
Haverfordwest

24 October 1826

In a letter from Mr Summers I find that the several Leases, for Glade & Deems Will are ready for the Parties to sign, but they have not when informed of it - called to execute. -

I wish you to call upon each, & request them to sign that they may be sent to me for execution. -

I apprehend by this time you have called upon the Tenants for a further Payment - I must have regularly half yearly payments. - As soon as the Leases are signed I desire either Mr Summers & yourself will send them by Coach without delay - Call on Mr Goode - & ask him if he has seen Mr Child since my last letter. - I remain &c
R B

Pray let Mr Summers know that I have written to you, in consequence of his letter & inform Mr Bowen that I have not been well the last week or I would have attended earlier to his letter - I have now put the report forward & in a day or two I dare say he will hear from me -

R B

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Mr. John Bennett
Gavel Here n. Andover

25 Octo 1826

Mess^{rs} Wickham Mount & Co have advised me that you have paid them £87. 1. 6, which I suppose you intended as the Balance of your Rent to 5 October 1825 but if I mistake not you ought to have deducted half a years Land Tax £2. 18. 6. Even then you would have overpaid me 2/- The Balance as I make it due to me at that time being only £84. 1. 0. The sum of £3. 0. 6 I therefore carry to the Credit of the Half years Rent, which became due 5 April last, & is now in course payable, together with the usual Allowance 1/2 years Land Tax, leaving the Balance due on 5 April last likewise £84. 1. 0. which I hope you will soon discharge by a payment for my Account to Mess^{rs} Wickham Mount & Co. I remain &c
J B

J. D. Belfield

25 Octo 1826

A Mining Lane London

I was taken ill, the day after I received your letter of the 14th Inst. I have not been in Bristol since & I fear I shall not go there for some days yet to come.

Whatever I can do for M^{rs} Garnett's advantage in respect to her ill circumstanced property here, I will most readily continue, as I have for several years. Replying however to your letter in which you conclude I have acted under Power of Attorney from her, it is necessary that I should inform you I never had any. I have acted only as a friendly receiver of the Rent, which the parties have voluntarily paid, on my responsibility. This has regularly been remitted to you who I apprehend held the only Power of Attorney, from her in England. Whatever therefore I do, cannot be under authority & instructions from you. It perhaps may be most for M^{rs} Garnett's immediate interest, that the present Tenants

may be constrained to hold on to the next Michaelmas quarter, rather than suffer the Premises to remain untenanted - which I suppose from the apparent legal defect in the notice, they may be obliged to do. - But if it be, as they tell me, for I never saw the Agreement, there was no covenant by either party to keep repairs, - great danger may arise, when they cease to use them at the termination of the Partnership, of the whole falling into a state of decay greater than is now the case, whilst they are for their own accommodation, necessitated to make some repairs.

Mr. Dobbin is I believe endeavouring to make up a new concern; but I fear he will experience a difficulty in doing it. Yet even if he does, as this yard does not adjoin to the Main Workshops - unless the New Concern becomes as extensive as the present, the probability is - that they may not require it or not become the Tenants except at a reduced rent, or on condition that the Shed & Working Shops are put in substantial repair - at no inconsiderable comparative expence to Mr. Garnett.

For this reason, it may be advisable to use some delicacy in stating to Dobbin & Co the incorrectness of their notice, and the difficulty which as their Attorney of Mr. Garnett you find in accepting it, as it may turn out so much to her prejudice.

Should you think proper to write such or any other letter to Messrs. Dobbin & Co, I will as soon as I can do it, personally deliver it - and add anything you may wish me to say on the subject. - Some years ago, I think Mr. Garnett expressed a wish to sell this property, - the original Lease was then sought for, but not found. - I fear a difficulty on that score would be experienced, were an attempt now made to dispose of it. Under any circumstances except that of its being necessary to the Iron (if carried on) it would sell for little, & I fear to a good tenant - it must be let for less than it is at present given for it. I believe I ought to have written much less.

Alderman Darnel has I believe, more influence over the parties than any other individual, because he has dealt very largely with them & I know they much respect him.

A word from him at your request, might set the question of Notice on an amicable footing. - And as he knows the Premises - you will readily obtain from him a correct Idea of their value either to sell or let, - This opinion as to the probability of disposing of these Premises, in either way.

I am sorry that the absence of my Son just now prevents this letter being put under Cover - I remain &c
R B

Mr Browning

26 October 1826

Trampton Green n. Gloucester

I received your letter - and if I am well enough to be in Bristol on Thursday 2 Nov. I will meet you at 1 o'clock in G. George Street - if I am not I shall desire you to ride to my House at Ham Green - when by crossing the Water Threhampton you will be as nearly home at Trampton, as you would be in Bristol - I am Sir &c R B

Upon referring to my Memorandum Book I find I have an absolute Engagement at Two o'clock I therefore desire you will be in Great George Street punctually at ^{offer} ~~14~~ ~~before~~ One - on Thursday if you cannot be there at One o'clock -

Mr Joseph Barnett

Thursday 26 Oct^r

Winings Colwall Malvern

I wrote to you yesterday - after which I received your letter on the subject of Broad Lodge - and one from John Morgan - desiring me to continue my tenant for two or three years - stating certain periods at which he will make payments - I do not consider it necessary to reply to the letter except through you - as I have placed the whole of my instructions in your hands which having determined upon them as the best, not only for myself but John Morgan - I shall on no account deviate from. In addition to which I now add that unless he immediately puts you in possession of the whole of the Premises including Dwelling house

I Grantee - the Cottage he now lives in - his superintendence over the Mill - and puts you in possession under a valuation of all his present furniture &c in the House & on the grounds - so that you may directly on my behalf put the House Grounds Garden & Cottage into the possession of Miss Calcraft as my Tenant from Michaelmas last - And the Will as it respects the Authority I gave him to keep off Trespassers &c into your hands for me. And gives up the Furniture to you in part discharge of the Arrears of Rent due to me - I will not confirm in any part, any thing I have already promised - or you have engaged for me.

But if he immediately & without further hesitation or delay - in such manner puts you in full possession, I will confirm what - ever you have engaged shall be done on my part.

And being so put in possession I authorise you to accept Miss Calcraft as my Tenant of the whole - except the Mill on the Terms she now occupies them under John Morgan -

The letter signed by John Morgan has been written for him most probably by an Attorney or an Attorneys Clerk for it is well written. - RB

Mr. Browning is to come to me on Thursday next on the subject of this & Matthews arrears. - Mr H.B. will be glad to find his Dog safely at Old Castle before he gets there.

Mr. W. P. Goode

26 Oct. 1826

Land Surveyor Hereford West

I can add no further on the subject of the rent I require from Mr. Child for Southwood than what I have done because I am convinced that my opinion was well founded - That if not in the present year & under the depression of your Fair, you & Mr. Child make your calculations; it is totally incorrect with a view to a Lease for time. I am fully of opinion with you, that the Tenements in Wood Town had better be separated from Childs holding, but I considered they were advantageous in his opinion to the

3^d Farm, - and I can have no objection to the part of the
Burrows on the North of Turnpike road being likewise
separated, provided it can be usefully attached to any other
holding - and I can obtain for it from any one else, what its
intrinsic value, as making part of Southwood is, and what
Mr. Child would expect to be deducted from the rent of the whole.

Upon reference to your valuation I see that the three pieces
North of Road N. 42, 43, 44 - ^{or} 3.38 are valued at £4.1.9 & the
two Cottages N. 57-58 at £3. Total £7.1.9 - which taken from your
valuation of £134 with my addition of £21 only for new buildings
which addition is not to be considered only - As an accommo-
-dation only to the family, - but in a much greater degree, as
respects the Farmyard, Barn & Sheds for Cattle, which is a most
important improvement, as means of conducting the farm -
protecting the Cattle & Crops & rendering available the litter, &
compost of the Farmyard & Stables - But besides, if the
dwelling is as you state larger than is necessary, I am fully
satisfied if the Family choose it, some advantage might be
made of the spare room during the Summer Months, but this
I set out of the question, - As a comfortable accommodation
to the family only I am certain, the dwelling itself is worth
more than two thirds ^{the} ~~more~~ addition. I have put upon your
valuation - And any one of Mr. & Mrs. Child respectable habits,
far above those of the generality of Farmers of the district must
find it to be so. - If this House is too good the Old House
was good enough, and yet neither Old Mr. Child, or the present
Mr. & Mrs. Child, would give me a rest, till I consented to build
a new one, somewhat according to but much reduced from
their own plan, which was sent to me - And if after my
having done every thing according to their wishes & at the
pressing instance of themselves & Old Mr. Child they now
refuse to pay a little for the accommodation I must consider
myself as very improperly treated.

But to return - If Mr. Child wishes to get rid of the

Three pieces of Land & two Cottages, & you can temporarily place them in other hands who will pay the rent, until a new arrangement of the other parts of the Estate on that side the road can be made: let it be so, - take £7. 1. 9 from £175 - & the remaining rent will be £167. 18. 3. -

Less than this, or say £165 for the land that will then remain - I shall not deviate for the Lease, but I will engage to deduct for the first Three years Fifteen Cords of Manure to be laid out by Child in Lime which upon his honor shall be bonafide added to the quantity of that manure which without such allowance he would have consumed in each year upon the Estate. - This is the last Modification, I shall attempt in order to secure the convenience & proper advantage of the Farm & buildings to an old & respectable tenant.

If by your means it can be brought to issue I shall be obliged & I am sure Mr. Child will have reason with his family to be thankful to you. - I had written & sent to Bristol yesterday before I received your letter to Mr. Perkins, in which I begged him to remind you of the Southwood business & to desire Mr. Summers to get the other Leases signed & sent to me for execution, without waiting for that of Southwood. I remain Sir &c
R B

Mr. Summers I understood found some difficulty in getting the parties to his Office to execute the Leases - if you see all or any of them pray urge them to go at once - I really am tired with their negotiations & delay.

Mr. D^r Went
Crowley House Winchester

119. 27 Oct. 1826

One chief purpose of my writing to day is to say, that the Dog got safely to Colwall, on Monday - The Weather would prevent Mr. H. Bright getting there before yesterday - Your letter of 19th is answered. - There is little to observe upon it, as it is

chiefly acknowledging former orders. - There being a Window over the Stable Door, which I had forgotten, you have done perfectly right in not removing the Door, for the reason you have given.

When you go to Madbourne Worthy pray let me know how they are proceeding with the New Road. - I am rather surprised, I have heard nothing from the Commissioners or Surveyor, whether my project had been adopted or not - but I shall not trouble myself further. - I you will please to say nothing to any one on the subject. - W. H. Bright told me there was some difficulty about removing the persons who have been in the House at Cranley, to make room for the Woman you had engaged - I cannot suffer this to be an obstacle. She must quit the House with her Children - And if she is to be provided for by the parish, the Overseer must provide a residence for her. - I desire you to make the proper applications to them, in my name. -

The Basket of Game comes safely here to day - for the present I do not want any more Pheasants killed; when I do - two or three Weeks hence I will write to you - Two or three Hares at a time - until I have had about a Dozen more I shall be glad of with Rabbits & Partridges on occasion, serves. A report which W. H. B. heard, that Col. Wall was dissatisfied with his purchase rather surprises me - if you hear it confirmed let me know. - I think it a most desirable residence. -

Many things have intervened to make me omit the use I meant to make of your Books - & I find I shall not be able to give my time to them it, for a Week or two - I therefore return them, having taken out all the Notes & Vouchers - that you may finish them

up to Nicholas & as soon as you return them I will
complete the Six Months examination, & settle the
Acct^s to that time - Althoth the Balance will be struck
at Nick^s. I shall wish all the entries made to the
end of the Month - In the meantime I shall
when I have occasion in a few days to write to
*Nicham Mont^l C. direct them to pay you to the
Amount of One Hundred Pounds when you call
for it - Has W^m Tern made much use of the
permission given to him. -

RB

*I most probably shall write to them on Monday

W^m Bowen

27 Oct^r 1826

Post Office Haverfordwest

I desired W^m Perkins to say that I would take the
earliest opportunity I could to comply with the request of your
letter of 19th - I find on enquiry that all the early
ships in the employ of Mess^{rs} Gibbs, Son & Bright, are fully
supplied, with young men of Charles Evans Age & Experience
But if he is content to wait until about Christmas, I can
secure him a Birth on board the Ann Cap^t Garden for
9 Mos, althoth I have some concern in the ship
I am aware, I have no share in the management of what
relates to her outfit or Voyage, & as that all rests with
the Mercantile House, in which my Son is the Partner,
I know nothing of Wages or any other matter connected
therewith, but I am sure he will have the same Wages &
accommodation with other Sealar Lads - As either W^m
Perkins or W^m Summers will have occasion to send to
me soon - pray desire the one or the other to add a P^y
to say whether Evans takes the birth proposed for him on
board the Ship Ann. I shall endeavor that you have Notice
in Dec^r of the time when the Lads should be in Bristol. If you
do not hear by about the 10th of the Month, find means of
reminding me -

I am Sir^t RB

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Messrs Wickham Martin & Co
Winchester

28 October 1826

I have to acknowledge your payment in
London to Smith Payne & Smiths for my acco^t of £300
and your advice of receipts to my Credit from J.
Barnett £87 1. 6 & Woodham £222. 15. 6

As Mr D. Wente, has further payments to make
for me, you will please when he calls for it, pay
him £100, debiting me therewith.

I am not sure that I acknowledged the receipt
of Vouchers, among the rest the Phoenix Fire Office
Receipts for £23. 11. 6. Have the goodness to recollect,
that there is a small premium due from me to the
Phoenix, at the Christmas quarter, which please to
discharge. Your payment to the Aliens feast
of £23. 0 was correct, I believe in my letter I
mentioned only £2. 2. 0 which was my mistake
I remain &c

RB

Thomas Woodham Esq
Winchester

28 Oct. 1826

I have been much gratified by
your advice from Messrs Wickham Martin & Co of your
payment to them for my Acco^t of £222. 15. 6 to the
Credit of my Account - which I acknowledge to be in
full for the Years Rent of my Farm at Kings Worthy
due Mich^r 1825 - & for Account of the Suttens Cotney
Court Receipts of which I shall I dare say at your
leisure receive the particulars. - In the
Winchester Paper of last week I observe the intended
Sale of one of the Life held Tenements at Sutton, on
which there is existing only two lives - If you have
not noticed it I beg to call your attention to the

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circumstances - A knowledge of what it sells for
will be useful - With respect I remain
RB

M^r Joseph Barnett
Winnings Colwall Malvern

30 Oct. 1826

M^r Trycrops Agreement having been written on
the same paper on which you wrote your letter of 29 May - it
was tied up with your other letters - not having been separated
from it & therefore not noticed by me, at the time when I
desired a Copy of it, altho' I knew you had writ it to me.
Your Copy I now return to you inclosed.

From it, and the Copy of M^r Trycrops Agreement
with M^r Meyrick, I shall now be enabled to draw or get
drawn an Agreement containing all necessary particulars
between M^r Meyrick & myself which shall soon be done.

Your letter of 28 I have received & am obliged by your
information of your & M^r Henry Brights proceedings. He
retains his report of what he has or may observe till
his return. - I do not see that this letter requires any
particular answer - waiting your further information
respecting settlement with John Morgan. -

I hope that the Stone drain when made across the road
will satisfy the Millers that it is not my wish to encourage
any improper use of the Water - and I hope the subject
will rest as it is. - I shall endeavor that it is not
revived - because I dislike disputes. - I acknowledge
your letter & return the Mem^o immediately because I can
put them under Cover - RB

Henry Bright Esq^r M^r P
Colwall

Cp. Warhouse 30 Oct. 1826

I have received your three Covers - but I
cannot even read them through - before I return home
by tomorrows Post I shall answer them all as far as

38 I can - My letter to Barnett is of no consequence
except returning as he wished the Copy of Agreement
with Tingley -
RB

Mr John Williams
Horsell W. Worcester

30 Octo. 1826

I have received your letter of 28th. At my
convenience I shall adjust the affairs of the late
Joseph Bowers - but I do not chuse to be dictated to
whether to allow this or that claim - I shall do
that which appears to me to be right - on my own
responsibility -
I am Sir &c
RB

Mr James Sumners
Haverfordwest

31 October 1826

Having executed the Two Pair of Leases, which
I received by the Mail yesterday, I now return to you one part of each,
And one Copy each of Agreements for Buildings to be erected by
Rees & Firneth, which several Deeds &c you will please to deliver
to the respective parties, charging them with One Moiety of the
Lease & Agreements, & one with the other. -

As soon as I can finally agree with the tenant or tenants
of Southwood &c, you shall have my instructions to proceed
therewith. - I cannot avoid observing that your Clerk
in the transcripts has made several errors, which altho' trivial,
I have in most cases corrected; but which in instruments
purporting to be Copies, ought not to have been, (which should
have been corrected by an attentive collation, before execution
by either party. -

The Blank Acres, for planting on Deems Hill, I
have in pencil, filled up as Ten but if this is objected
to, make it 7 or 5, - fill up the part sent to you, accordingly

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I let me know how it is done, that I may fill up the part
of Lease, I retain similarly - I remain &c.
RB

Leases sent in Parcel of Coach
Made - RB to J. Bowen

— — — — — R. Rees - with Agreement enclosed
— — — — — J. Finnett D^r
— — — — — J. Evans

Deems Will RB to J. Batha

If you see Mr. Perkins, say that I acknowledge the
Receipt of a parcel of Vouchers -

Edward Smith Esq^r
San la Mar Jamaica

4 Nov^r 1826

The detention of the Arion waiting a Wind will
have given an opportunity of Shipping some of the News
by her - and affords me - I hope so at least - the opportunity
of acknowledging your letter of 1 Sept^r of Packet - which
reached me last evening - I am by no means certain
however, as the Wind is fair that this will reach Bristol in time to go by
her and I have only time to thank you for the mention made of
Weather & proceedings at Meylersfield & Garsdon & for the particulars
respecting the Chappel & encouragement with prospect of improvement
given to the Negroes of Meylersfield & the vicinity, by the labors and
attention of the Rev^d Dom^s Tidler the Curate & Schoolmaster at San
la Mar - You are already assured of my sentiments in what
ever relates thereto - I very much wish to encourage & compensate any
additional exertions for the improvement of the Population in moral
conduct; as the foundation of religious knowledge - which may be
necessary to aid the endeavors of Mr. Tidler - and in any way
to render them efficient. - I note your having parted
with Walters - in order to his Advancement - I almost
regret his leaving your immediate Control -
Do you wish that I should seek for any other

Young Man to send out next year - Do you think that a well disposed Youth of 18 or 19 who has been bred at one of our public Charity Schools - who writes a remarkably fair hand, and is a good Arithmetician, would be useful to you as an assistant in the dispatchment of your Accounts.

Such an one is sometimes to be found in our large School, founded by Mr. Cator - in which many persons now of great repute & high Character have been educated.

Let me know your Opinion, if you wish it, I will endeavour to get one selected, whose Education will be finished the next year. - I fear to detain my servant a moment longer with this letter - I therefore in haste subscribe myself
Yr^{de} R B.

It is probable that you will have heard through America that the *Alicia* is arrived at New York having greatly suffered in Cargo and in the Ship - No particulars are yet received here.

I have pleasure in repeating that my Insurance is complete, so as to cover the late period of her Sailing from Jamaica - & I have no doubt but our friends G & W B are safe on the same Score - I believe that by the arrival here of Herring's within these two days in portions of those for Meylersfield are gone on board the *Arion* - This is repeated - excuse it as I was interrupted and did not read the letter before I added the Postscript.

Mr Robt Bright is just now returned from the Sea Side - & I have the gratification to say - appears to be perfectly recovered -

Yr^{de} the *Arion* & copy of Dec. Packet

Thomas Woodham Esq^r
Gd. Winchester

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3 Nov^r 1826

Having already acknowledged your payment
to Mess^{rs} Wickham Mont^g &c of £222.5.6 and I now beg to
add, that this Payment together with the Land tax £6.16.0
& the several Items to my debit in Acc^t. Cur^t. rendered
form the whole am^t. of One Years Rent of my Farms in
Headbourne Worthy, due Michaelmas 1825 and of the sums
received at the Court held at Sutton Tottony 28 March last,
Say £245.17.5. —

Well knowing myself, how circumstances which
create uneasiness distract the mind from the ordinary
business, even of necessary business, I can well excuse
these irregularities, for which you think it necessary to
apologise — I am &c

R B

Mr W Wade

4 Nov^r 1826

New Barn Farm - Crawley - Winchester

I am sorry to have the appearance of
Dunning you - but I cannot avoid saying it would
tend much to my convenience if you would make a
payment for my account in discharge of the half years
rent due at Lady day last

I recollect no deduction to be made from the
whole sum except for the land tax occupied by my planting
to which I think there has been an addition - since our
settlement to 29 Sep^r last - which I will desire you to
ascertain with Mr Wente in the mean time making a
payment on account to Mess^{rs} Wickham Mont^g &c
of £250 - by doing which you will oblige Sir.
R B