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W. W. Darby Esq
at Mr. J. Savages 46 Foregate Street
Worcester.

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W. G. 5 Sep^r 1829

Mr Barnett inclosed to me your letter of 2 Ins^t but it came to my hands only just now, too late to send any acknowledgement of it in time for the Post from Bristol this evening.

It would be a pleasure to me to accommodate you earlier in the occupation of Brand Lodge than the first of November, but I am by no means certain that until towards the end of Oct^r it will not be wanted either by myself or my son, or some other of my Family. If a Week at the end of October or two in the Month of May, would be any accommodation to you. I would so extend the time at the same rate of Month but this is all the change I can make in the terms on which I authorised Mr Barnett to treat with you. The continuance of Mr Stanton during the whole of your 7 Months occupancy of Brand Lodge, unless as I stated to Mr Barnett for any impropriety of behaviour, of which I must be the ultimate judge, I consider to be indispensable. Having placed her in the care of the House & furniture during my or my Family's absence let whoever may occupy it.

If under this small deviation, in the time of your commencing & period of the monthly occupancy, should induce you to become my Tenant, or if you do not consider it holds out sufficient inducement for you to agree with Mr Barnett, I pray that in either case you will favor me with an early notice.

In the mean time I remain Sir
Yours
W B

8.9
Messrs Gibbs Son & Bright

W. G. 8 Sep^r 1829

In the Mem^o I made on the Indent for Supplies for Maylerfield. I believe I omitted to include in my Direction for the Engine Work to be ordered from London - the two Cog Wheels for the Sugar Mill - which I believe are as necessary to be cast from Mess^{rs} Graham & Co Patterns - as the other parts - as they will require to fit the other Wheels of the Machinery. - You will have the goodness

2.

To explain that all this Engine Mill Work is for the Steam
Engine Mill, they made for Maylesfield Estate, belonging to me
RB

Mr Joseph Trimberron 9 Sept. 1829
Welland Court - Wpton on Severn

As I have before written I now confirm my
offer to your Uncle, at the terms of my last letter, from which
I find no reason to change in any point. - I can give no
assurance of allowance out of the rent. He knows what my
conduct heretofore has been - & I believe he has no reason
to suppose that similar liberality will not be continued
during our continuance together as Landlord & Tenant. -

I must have a positive reply yes or no - because
if he declines I shall immediately put the Estate in an
Agents hands, or advertize it to be let. -

I hope your Uncle will soon be better in health. The
Weather & important concerns at home may prevent my
going to Shalvern for some Weeks to come - I therefore
can leave nothing for any future personal conference.

Make my best wishes to your Aunt & receive the
same from Sir &c

RB

Mr Wickham Junr Esq^r 8 Sept. 1829
Sutton Scotney - Winchester

I am obliged by your letter on the subject of the result
of the Suit at Hereford - which will finally put an end to all
attempts to harass me on the question of my Title.

Your letter of 5th I have likewise received - No application
has been made to me on the subject it relates to - It is not
my habit or inclination readily to acquiesce in applications
from persons of whom I am entirely ignorant. -

Some circumstances & the Weather have prevented my

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Son from being at Crawley, hitherto. - Col. Gamblet of Winchester has my permission to shoot occasionally with my Game Keeper during my Son's absence - the only person I have specially permitted this season.

I wish I could give ^{you} any advice on the subject of Wool. I have ^{not} sold & have had no offer made for mine. -

We have much to lament the return of the Wet & stormy Weather - My best respects & wishes attend you & your children - I am Dear Sir

P.B.

W.D. Waite

29 Sep^r 1829

Crawley House Winchester

I believe I have scarcely acknowledged your letter in reply to my questions respecting the Barn Floors at Sutton, which has now given me a clear apprehension, of what was imperfectly in my recollection, in consequence of repairs being ordered which were postponed; which latter circumstance had not occurred to my mind. - I find by the particulars you give me there appear to have been, One new Oak Floor put down at Trair's Two of Stone & three of Oak at Sutton Farm, - One of Oak at the Down Barn - In the whole Seven Floors, - One still to be replaced at Trair's, of which both Materials & labor, are mine to provide. - I remember when I was at Sutton, - that it was said the Good Plank of two floors, would provide Materials for One other Floor, - and perhaps had those Plank been laid down as soon as they were taken up, they would have better done it than they will now, even if by lying unused for so long a time, they have not been turned to other purposes. - Indeed I understand that these Plank are now unfit for the purpose. - If they are so, as I must be at the charge of Laying, it will be better to have that charge only once, than now & a few years hence. The new floor must therefore be laid down, & I desire it may ^{not} be longer delayed. - Repairs that are long about are neither so

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cheaply, or so well done, as when completed out of hand.
I will not have the Tiles employed on the Roof
of the House until the Weather is become settled, & then only
so much done, as is requisite to keep it dry. — The top
of the Chimney of the Housekeepers Room, I would have repaired
at the same time or sooner if in the dangerous state you
represent it. — I had hoped Mr Henry Bright would
have been with you before this, but the Weather & other circum-
stances have detained him here. —

A Basket of Game, — Partridges & a Hare, is come here
to day. — The inclosed letter for Mr Wickham, let
him have soon. — I find the Birds I get from Hereford-
are larger a good deal than the Hampshire Birds. — If any
the latter were later hatched. —

I am very fearful for the Barley. — The Wheat in your
neighbourhood I expect is all or nearly all safe. — The
wet weather agrees with Turnips in appearance, but
perhaps it throws them more into Greens, than increase
the Root. — Is this so? — You will take an opportunity to
pay the Rent to Mr Baring. — I wish it done. —

Now nearly is the Work at Gavel here completed.
These repairs are I fear, much more heavy than I
expected. — R B

Do not omit to send the Customary Basket of
Game to the Bishop — & when you hear of Mr Kents return
to Southampton — send him one with my respects. —
R B

I understand there were some Pears in the Game Basket
this year: but I have not yet seen them. — Have you sent the
Names or Number of it from One of the Young Trees?

In your next give me the exact dimensions out to out
of the New Cottages at Tramps — I fear I have not laid them
down correctly on my Plan. —

Mrs. Gibbs Bright Esq

12 Sept 1829

I enclosed you will receive Bill Lading for 5 Wds Sugar & 14 Pms. Rums A & S of Lady Canning - Allen - I know not when she was to sail from Jamaica. -

I hope the Insurance is so made as to cover this risk
RB

Pray make out a Meth of all Sales already made of Produce
M G - & A & S - having I believe mislaid one or more of your advices - Monday will be sufficiently early -

M. Jos. Barnett

W. G. 12 Sept 1829

Winnings Estate - Colwall Malvern

I have been much engaged I have not on that acct. replied to your letter of 4th handed to me by Mr. T. Baylis.

I am surprised that Mr. Hartland should suppose that I would continue him in the occupation of Brockbury on his own responsibility when with the great assistance he was always receiving from Mr. Browning his Father in Law the rent should have fallen so much in arrear. - We ~~know~~ knew that during his Father in Law's life it was determined that the Estate should be given up - on certain conditions which his Brother in Law has confirmed. - The Estate is therefore certainly to be let - and I desire if any respectable person speak to you about Brockbury that you will hear what they have to say & let me know. I rather wonder that Mr. Holbrook has not written to me on the subject of the person who spoke to you - As I cannot get a Frank for Mr. Holbrook I desire you to forward the inclosed to him on that subject. - Mr. Henry is likely to be for a short time absent. - If therefore you direct for him - do not make your letter double by putting it under a Cover, but direct the Letter itself - with RB under the Seal. - Whatever Hartland has done more than would be required in serving Turneps &c as a going off tenant, he certainly must be allowed for - The Stones to

the Road were hauled when I was there, but not broken. It ought to have been done long before. —

In reply to Davis's question whether he should repair the Old Buildings — my answer is that I shall not object to his doing it when the House is finished — but I object to measure & Day work going on at the same time. It must therefore remain until the House is finished. —

The Mason work at the Gable end of the Cow House & Barn I suppose is done — that & some thatching as is necessary to keep out the Weather is all that need now be done till I can see it — which when the Weather is settled & within a few Weeks I hope to do. — This ought to have been written last Week, so that altho against my wish if he has begun, he must go on but I should like to know — what you think the necessary repairs are or what you have ordered him to do. —

I note that the Repairs at Old Castle are nearly complete. Let the Water Shutters be painted. —

Greatly I regret to be informed of M^{rs} Tho^s Bowers ill state of health — and am very anxious now to know how she is — What is her Complaint — the Doctors I suppose give it a name. — Pray be particular upon this subject in your next Letter. —

M^r Darby absolutely declines taking Board Lodge for the Winter — so I suppose — unless I myself & some of my Family occupy it next month it will remain vacant until the Spring. —

You have not I believe informed me of the Wheat Crop at Old Castle was sold, & what it sold at. —

How much repair has been done at the Stone? —

Have the Hops at all recovered. —

Having more to do to day than I can well accomplish — you must excuse my haste — I remain Sir^t

R B

James Holbrook Esq^r
Sol. Leebury

W^h. 12 Sept. 1829

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M^r. Barnett has informed me that a person spoke to him in Worcester, on the subject of taking Brockbury, at Canollemass, when Hartland is to quit it, saying that he was recommended to do it by you, he did not give his name but said it was not for himself, but for M^r. Tho^s. Webb of Stoke Bliss in Herefordshire. — As he mentioned your name I supposed, if it had been on your recommendation & you approved of him — enough to recommend him, — you would have written on the subject. — At the same time as probably you might suppose M^r. Barnett had, — I wish to enquire from you, if you do know I can recommend him, that I may make further enquiries.

M^r. B. says other persons have spoken to him without mentioning any names. — As it is to be let, I wish if M^r. Webb & M^r. is not a very preferable person, — I shall be obliged, if you will make it known that the Estate is to be let, the application to be made to you, & when any eligible person offers, immediately let me know. The Rent I name is £200 p^a An. & all Taxes — Land tax is redeemed — If the person is unexceptionable I may abate something — the term 12 years with break at Six — on Lease — expense of Lease to be divided. —

I cannot get a definitive answer from M^r. Timbercon of Welland Court — I still fear that M^r. Brown, I shall not agree. — In a short time I may write to you more fully. — My attention since 2 Aug^r when these things should have been brought to a point, has been constantly occupied, on a subject which the Trial at Hereford — will have explained to you & the Country at large.

I had never any ground to apprehend, except from forgery & fraud — but of what kind or to what extent I had no means of knowing — on that alone my anxiety was rested. — It has thrown back many things which ought to have been done but now effectually relieved, I am getting up affairs as fast as I can. — I remain Sir Y^rs
R B

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W. J. J. Bennett

14 Sept. 1829

Winnings. Colwall Hatwell

I have received your letter of Friday Noon - but it did not get to Bristol until yesterday Sunday Noon - or I should have acknowledged it, in the letter which will be waiting you at Hatwell this morning.

I certainly will give a liberal price for (the Acorn) Coppice belonging to the Hoares Estate which measures Nine Acres 33 Perch.

I have a valuation as you suppose of the Average yearly value of Brookhill Coppice which adjoins - which of course does not include Timber or Saplings - but must include an Average fall of Stores & Black Poles. The value therefore of the Timber & Saplings (I mean young Maiden Trees to be reserved for Timber must be ascertained before with this valuation of the land before me I can determine what I ought or what I would give. - There is no valuation that could give £600 more nor I believe above £40 Guineas even if the Stores were - as I am confident from recollection - (and I paid particular attention to that last Spring) they are not very abundant - on the contrary I think they appeared to be much the reverse. - I am very willing to give a liberal price - and as it is certainly an object to me to get the whole of that Wood without interference I will consent to give what Mr. Holbrook aided by the valuation & information of Mr. Gibbs shall by a written Award say it is worth. If submitted to these Gentl. Mr. Cook must pledge himself as I have to abide by their determination. - If the bargain is made the money shall be paid as soon as Mr. & Mrs. Holbrook chooses to prepare a Conveyance Mr. Cook's title being made clear - respecting which if I mistake not there is no great difficulty unless any has been created since Mr. Cook's purchase.

I note that the Bells at Broad Lodge are hanging. - Is there any thing else to be done to the Horse?

The Bank round the new Plantations. I would have planted with quick - these I suppose you can get from the Nursery of two years growth since planted out of the Seed Bed - If they have been planted out Three years they will be stronger Plants - but they must not be older - About what is the length & breadth on the average of the Land to be planted.

Did Mr W B - direct anything about the Trees to be planted. - He is gone to day to Crowley & I omitted to ask him about them. - Let me know whether the Parcel of Shrubs which are now sent by Jones Iron are safely delivered at Upton - the day I hear you get information of their being there.

In your next Letter say how Mr Bowers is.

I have agreed for a new Lease with Mr Trimmer - I greatly regret the continuance of such bad weather - I fear it is not likely soon to improve.

D. L. V.

Mr Barnett

13 Sept. 1829

I send you a parcel of Plants.

The largest Laurels are to be planted in the Plantation in the front of Brands Lodge - the rest may be put in any where for future use - either in the new plantings or in a corner of the piece now full of Barley ^{close} ~~together~~ together

The Portugal Laurels are very small they may be planted in the Kitchen Garden in Rows at 9 In. a part & 9 In. in the Rows - The Bay & Rose ~~are~~ the same as well as the Arbutus - If you or Mr Dean or any of your friends wish for any of them they may have as many as they please except of the large Laurels. W B -

They are directed for you to the Care of Mr Walker Wharfing Upton - They will leave this tomorrow - (14th) or next day by Jole's Iron -

9 - Woburn Esq^r
 Gt. Geddery

16 Sept 1829

I have been latterly so much occupied on other important matters, that I have been ~~at~~ negligent of many - especially in respect to my Estates in Chwall &c.

Sometime since I mentioned the probability that I should have to seek a new Tenant for Wolland Court - but I have just now arranged with him for a new term - a Lease for which you will soon receive instructions.

Brockbury - I must look out for a good Tenant for & I will be obliged if you will use diligence in getting one that has Capital & industry & skill as a Farmer - They may be scarce - but such tenants alone are desirable.

I am not sure whether I mentioned that application had been made to Mr Barnett respecting a Mr Tho. Webb of Stoke Bliss in Herefordshire - do you know or can you learn anything of him. -

Altho' I have been delaying - improperly - a definitive determination that Mr Brown must quit the Currier. I am sure it must come to it - pray therefore keep your mind to this point likewise.

Mr Cooke of the Moares - has through Mr Barnett offered me a detached piece of Woodland (Acorn Coppice) adjoining my Brockhill Coppice Cont. of 0.34 - but he has proposed a price greatly, very greatly beyond its value. I would readily give a fair & liberal price for it. And I have written to Mr Barnett that if Mr Cooke would submit to take such price as I see for it, as you with the assistance of Mr Gibbs the Surveyor, should name, I would give it. I mentioned your name, believing you were Mr Cooke's Solicitor.

I have not had nor shall have any communication with Mr Gibbs - until I know Mr Cooke's reply, & that you will undertake with the assistance of Mr Gibbs, to name the value should Mr Cooke consent. I wrote on the subject to

M^r Barnett two or three days since - and he may probably inform you of M^r Cooke's determination, at the same time he writes to me. - I added in my Letter to M^r B, that the purchase money should be paid as soon as you could prepare the Deeds the title being made clear, which I was well satisfied there would be little difficulty in doing, the Estate having within so few years changed proprietors

I lament exceedingly the continued rains - let the Wind come from which quarter it will - It is now at N.E. & rains severely as it did when at S.W. - I am &c
RB

Not having come to any arrangement with the Worcester Turnpike Commissioners - & having unavoidably delayed a reply to my last communication from M^r which came to me on the eve of the Hereford Assizes, - I am determined now to bring it to a point, but I am more confirmed in my opinion, that I do not, nor do they, precisely understand the ground we respectively stand upon. - With a view of arriving at this correctly, I need have an abstract, of all such part of the Manley Award, as relates to Roads ~~in~~ generally, - and to the Roads in the neighbourhood of Malvern Wells in particular. - I pray therefore that at your earliest convenience yourself or M^r Cooke will examine & copy, all such parts as have any reference to the subject, & transmit the same to me - & trace off from the plan, such part of the road as this particularly refers to - with an exact copy of the Scale, or which the plan is laid down.

RB

Can you quietly procure the Worcester Turnpike Act so that I may see it - or if not the date & title will most probably answer my purpose -

Mr. Barnett Post Office
Winnemac - Chwall - Halvorn

19 Sep. 1829

It having been arranged that you should send to Halvorn for letters to Halvorn on Mondays rather than any other day. - I defer now generally answering your letters for a Post or two, to meet that time.

I explained to you my reason for not wishing the repairs by Day Work to be going on whilst Measure work was doing.

But the necessity of the case according to your letter requires that I should relax, as far as the Stable & Mill House & Cyder Mill & Press, ^{are} all the objects of repair. - I was not aware that the Cyder Press required renewal. - If it can be patched up for the present, I had rather, as I doubt your having proper Timber cut for it. - I shall not choose to purchase for it. - If it must be renewed, there must be an Iron Mill Screw & in that case I fear the whole of the Timber, will require renewal, but if the Bed & Checks will do for a few years - pray let only the necessary new timber be added. - Are there not some Presses now made with Cast Iron Checks? -

Iron Screws I see are in the Shops at Leebury. - I am sensible that if done at all the press must be immediately set about.

Let the repairs of the Stable be done as frugally as possible but when I see it, I should direct further alterations, & possibly if the Income will bear it, when the new Camp of Bricks is burned, in the Spring, I may choose to have all the Boards stripped off the front next the road, & the Walls filled up with Bricks.

I think it right to leave all further repairs at the Stone until the Spring. -

I will certainly consider the list of Iron Mongers for the House. -

I think I understand that J. Bowers did not join with Williams in the purchase; but has since taken half share with him. - He should have had

nothing to do with it.

It gives me much pleasure to learn that Mrs Bowers is better, pray say when you see her, that I particularly request she will take great care of herself & for some time consider herself an Invalid.

I now despair of my Tenant for Board Lodge this Winter, I expect myself, if the Weather should become fine, as is usual in October, to spend a few days there ~~by~~. Let therefore the House be kept well aired. - For that purpose get a sufficient stock of Coals for the Winter.

I note what you say of Hantland. I never remember so unfavorable a Season - with bad prospect as to the Weather in future. - I ~~desire~~ ^{had} hoped that Woods would have recovered a little, as they are said to have done in Kent - But it is now too late to expect it. -

R B

Mr Barnett

6 Oct^r 1829

Winnings Chwall Shalvern

I returned only yesterday from a Journey to Hampshire & London - I have not now time to reply to your letter of 24 Sept. - Your Letter to Mr W B. of 3 Inst^t He received the last Post - I could not direct the Deal Boards yesterday to be sent - I understanding you can get them in Leobury - I desire you will procure them from thence as I would not by any means have the Carpenters Work at Lower House delayed.

In a day or two I will write to you fully & in mean time remain Sir

R B

Mr Joseph Barnett

8 October 1829

Winnings Chwall Shalvern

I wrote to you as soon as I could after my return home to get the Deals necessary to

finish Lower Horse from Ledbury. —

I have now attentively read with Mr Henry Bright your letter of 24 Sep^r which came to Bristol two days after I left home for Hampshire. —

I note what you say, respecting the purchases made by Mr Henry Bright's orders — the receipt & planting of the Shrubs & Trees & the disposal of a few to Mr Dean, & that you yourself, digging the Land & preparing for the Wedge of the pieces to be planted. — The repairs & alterations of the Drains & the improvement already observed in the Lawn & Walk — All of which we approve — As we do your Idea of a Ciss Pool, at the Lower Corner of the Plantation in Broad Lodge Meadow. — If it does not answer our wishes, the drain may hereafter be lengthened, as was at first proposed — The printing of the Water Minutes, I note is done. —

From the dimensions given in your letter of the pieces of land to be planted, — we can form a very good calculation of the number of Trees, which must be sent from hence, which shall be, by Wpton Trow to the care of Mr Walker as before, as soon as we know that the ground is nearly ready for Planting. — I believe this is all that refers to Broad Lodge, in your Letter.

It is satisfactory, that you find timber for the repairs of the Press &c. without purchasing any. — I am not quite sure what I before wrote about the Stable at Lower Horse, I now say "let the small Stone Walled Stable be sealed, & put in order for John Bowers Horses. —

Let me know, when you write next, how Mr Bowers gets on — inform J. Bowers, that we have received Two Baskets of Genes, — And shall be glad next week to receive some more. —

Since writing the above your letter of 6th is come to me. — My unpremeditated Journey into Hampshire, & my more unintended visit to London, has prevented

my attending to the subject of the Hoares Coppice, in the manner I should have done, had I remained here. I was not however aware, that M^r Cooke was in such haste for my reply. Before I went from home, I hoped to have put it in such train, as that some nearer approach to arrangement for purchase, than can take place on the terms, if persisted in, which M^r Cooke named. - I meant, after consulting my Son, aided by the opinion of persons I considered competent, to determine the full value, to have made him a corresponding liberal offer, but I have not yet succeeded in the latter, - I have not yet consulted my Son. - If M^r Cooke will allow me a few days, I will determine how far I can with any propriety go, towards the price he named. As a material difference in present value, will depend upon the actual state of the Timber & age of the Coppice, now growing. I propose now if M^r Cooke will give me time, to get a competent person to walk through it, with a view to answer such questions as I may put to him, & as soon as that is done which I hope may be within a Week he shall be informed at one word, the greatest price I will give. I desire you will see him on receipt of this - & depending on his affording me this time, I shall take the previous measure immediately - to avoid any delay on my part. -

As a first step, I have written to M^r Gibbs, the Land Surveyor of Leobury, to call upon you, if possible the day after he receives my letter, & you will direct him where to find the Wood lands I desire him to walk through, & report to me his opinion on the points I have stated to him. I wish it should not be known that he has looked it over - I do not wish to appear to have been guided by his opinion, altho' probably upon it I shall determine my price - assisted by the opinion of my Son who, I expect to remain with me for a few days -

Let M^r Gibbs should be not get my letter, endeavor

to inform yourself if he is at home. Perhaps you can tell me when the Ceffice was fallen, by judging at a distance; when it may be fit to fall again, & whether it is well or ill stored. —

If I cannot come myself, M^r Jones will visit you at about the usual time, which I think is in about Ten Days — He will write to you the day — I remain &c
RB

Your letter may be under Cover for two or three Weeks to M^r B with RB under the Seal. —

J. — Melbrook Esq^r
St^r. Ledbury

7 Oct. 1839

The next day after I received your letter, I unexpected found occasion to go into Hampshire, & from thence without any previous notice, was constrained to go to London, from whence I returned only two days ago, finding many things waiting my return, & others have occurred more quickly than I have been able to attend to them, or I would not have delayed writing to you. — I much regret that you did not consider it right M^r Cooke being your Client, to interfere in the way I proposed to reconcile our Ideas of price, for the price of Ceffice, he offered to me. — If I knew that M^r Cooke would agree to an arbitration in the way you suggest, I appoint a judicious Friend, to meet him, I would endeavor to prevail on one of the M^r Ws, the only Gent. I am sufficiently acquainted with, in the neighbourhood, to ask such a favor from to act on my part. — Should M^r Cooke not chuse to accede to this I must endeavor to make up my mind, on such an opinion as I can procure, in aid of my own. I am & shall be ready to give the full bona fide value with some addition for its contiguity, but I am not prepared to yield to an Ideal value. If referred, however, I shall consider myself bound as doubtless M^r Cooke will, to abide by the determination that may be come to.

whatever that may be. — The Title I believe to be good, under which N^r Cooke bought it, as I held for sometime, a Mortgage on the Hoares Estate. —

I have by this post written to N^r Barnett, to request N^r Cooke who I find by a letter from N^r B. — this day, has applied to him to hasten my determination, — to allow me a Week or ten days to make up my mind & consult my Son on the subject — but I have not suggested the Idea of an Arbitration. — This you will have the goodness to do in such way as you think right. —

I am not prepared to do as you wish, to purchase the whole Estate, I have of late had too many calls upon my purse to have any left, wherewith to purchase Estates. If I can compass such a small matter as we now treat of, it will be as much as my convenience will permit. —

From the tenor of my last communication, with N^r Brown, I do not think, she wishes to remain at the Cummins, on any terms I can offer to her. — I shall however under your opinion (as she is a person I respect) offer it to her at the reduction you suggest, but for the reason stated, — it will be requisite, you should keep in view my wanting Tenants, both for the Cummins & Brookbury — Have you had the opportunity you expected at your fair the 2^d Inst., to learn any thing of N^r Webb of Abbe Blis. — Altho' I may incline to let N^r Brown remain at that reduction, it by no means follows, that I should accept the same Rent from a New Tenant. —

I am sensible that in the present wet Season, it is most unfortunate for me to be obliged to make changes, — for the Colwall Estates must have put on their worst appearance. —

I thank you for your kind congratulations. — You say you heard at Hereford most of the Plaintiffs Case —

I wish you had heard that of the Defendant, because it would have convinced you of the entire futility of the claim, even supposing the Plaintiff's case were founded on true & honest grounds. I remain D^r Sir

R B

P.S. I shall be obliged by your procuring from Mr Pyndar the Title & Chapters of the Worcester Turnpike Act, which I wish for at your earliest convenience.

8 Oct^r 1829

Possibly Mr Pyndar would entrust me with any Copy of the Act which he may have (the existing Act of course) I will engage to return it to him safely in a short time - When you ask it make my best respects to him.

R B

Your letters may come to me for a few Weeks under cover to my Son - having R B. written beneath the Seal.

I have this moment your letter dated 1 October evidently an error, as my Clerk has brought it to me direct from the Office - I have not now time to read it - but if necessary will reply tomorrow.

Mr Gibbs
Land Surveyor

8 Oct^r 1829

Leobury I request you will immediately on the receipt of this, go to Chilwall and call upon Mr Barnett who will show or direct you to a piece of Wood Land, which I wish you to go through, and as far as such a Survey, taken in an attentive walk, over different parts of it, will enable you to form an opinion, I desire you will inform me the probable value of the Timber & Pollards, and of the Coppice Wood in its present state, & in your judgement, in how many years it will be fit to fall. I further wish you consider its utmost value to purchase at the present time, - Setting aside all considerations of Locality of which I am fully aware.

Have the goodness not to speak on the subject to any one. but Mr Barnett - to whom I have written by this Post that he will very soon see you on the subject. -

A line from you by the next post after you have been at Colwall will oblige me - I remain Sir &c
R B

Direct your Ans^r to Mrs. Bright Esq. Mr P with R B below the Seal - but not for more than a Week or two. -

Mr W^m Wade
New Barn Farm. Crawley
8 Oct. 1829

I left Winchester the day after I saw you & your Brother - & having been called to London I returned here only on Monday, fully expecting a letter from you on my arrival in Bristol but your letter of 5th did not come till yesterdays Post. - I confess that I did not expect any hesitation on your part, and I was only induced to send the letter I did write in the evening of my interview with you or your Brother, inclosed for delivery by Mr Wade, to prevent the possibility of any misunderstanding hereafter, for I did not think it probable -

You introduced your Brother to me, with a desire that I would preferably accept him, as my Tenant in your place, as you were desirous to give up business, on account of ill health. I only knew from you, that he was your younger Brother with a large Family, occupying a moderately sized Farm, which in case of his becoming my Tenant, he meant to give up. - Nothing passed as to his competence in a pecuniary view - I neither had it in my power, nor did I think it necessary to set on foot any minute enquiry on this point, because I fully expected it would be completely satisfied, under your responsibility, considering the circumstances under which you introduced him, and

which I beg to say is by no means unusual, by certain Covenants in the Agreement or Lease. —

I have been so particular in explaining how it happened, that I omitted to introduce this point, during the very short conversation we had on the subject of your Brothers succeeding you, in the case of your quitting the New Barn Farm Estate; it appearing called for by your letter which I acknowledge. —

I believe you would not have recommended him, had you not considered him competent to stock & carry on the Farm, in the manner you have done. You know him & his circumstances intimately, I know nothing of either. It was only from my knowledge & opinion of you, that I gave him the encouragement & reception I did. I feel persuaded that when you ^{re-}consider the subject you will no longer hesitate to take upon you the responsibility I expect — I wait your reply & remain

Yr. &c.

I was prevented from forwarding
this letter in time for the Post of to day

R B

Mr. Waite
Crowley House

Friday 9 Oct. 1829

Winchester

I wish you immediately on receipt of this to take the inclosed to Mr Wade & give it to himself

I fear a letter I wrote & sent under cover to you from Winchester was not at once delivered — as I received no reply to it until Tuesday Even^g. — My answer was written too late to send by yesterdays Post — or it would not have been delayed —

R B

Mr D. Waite

11 Oct. 1829

Crawley House

Winchester

If the Servants Room will not be made

too small & alteration in the dark Room, is wished in the manner you propose, instead of having any objection I approve of it.

I do not approve of the Passage from the door being made on Board floor. — If the Bricks are uneven & in want of any repair. I have no objection to its being laid with Flag Stones which will not absorb the Wet from the earth & show the damp as much as brick. — If wished, I will be at the expense

of Paper for the Parlour, instead of Colouring it, but the Walls must be well scraped, or the Paper will not stick close to the Wall. — A basket of Game ~~was~~ was received yesterday. — I have not yet heard anything of the Plants of

Waggon. — Send the Dahlias & at a proper season. As I may not have occasion to write immediately to Messrs. Wickham & Mont. &c. when you go to Winchester desire Mr. Charles not to forget the Anti-Slavery Society Subscription as usual. — They have applied to me for Game, which send as heretofore. R B

If the flag Stones are laid on the same composition they put on the outside of Brick Houses, I expect it will when once hardened, prevent moisture from coming to & appearing through them or the Joints. —

Mr T. Williams

13 Oct. 1829

Keylersfield. Sav. la Par. Jamaica

I was from home at the time of the sailing of the first Packet for the Month & therefore the annexed Copy was not forwarded by her. — I was disappointed at not receiving by the Southampton the List of Negroes & Cattle. — I then papers relative to Keylersfield I had reason to expect by her. — Markets continue in the same state of stagnation

with no immediate prospects of amendment. —

Mr Smith is now in Liverpool — I believe he wrote to you by the last Packet — I soon expect him here but until I see him I have nothing to add but my respects

I suppose the Army will leave this very soon after the 20th Inst. I remain Sir

RB

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PD Packet for Oct^r & Copy of Nov^r Packet

Edward Alex^r Smith Esq^r

P.S. 12 Oct^r 1829

Spanish Town, Jamaica

Your Father I apprehend is now in Liverpool but I expect him here in Eight or Ten Days should he continue his purpose of taking his passage out to Jamaica in the Arm which Ship ^{is} expected to be ready for sea in about that time — I was absent when the first Packet for the Month — mail was made up, or this Copy would have gone with it — I beg to repeat my best wishes I remain &c

PD Packet for Oct^r & Copy of Nov^r Packet RB

Thos^m Carey

Green Park, Trelawney

13 Oct^r 1829

Jamaica

The Donid has arrived as far as I have heard I believe she has safely delivered her Cargo —

Mr Smith is yet at Liverpool I expect him shortly here — I was absent when the last Packet sailed. I dare say he wrote to you — RB

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the Goods are sent, or to which they belong, & Indorsed on the
Cover either for Consignment or Ship Owners
#2 Packet for Oct^r & Copy of Nov. Packet

M^r J. Barnett

18 Oct^r 1829

Winnings Colwall Halves

There being no Coach for tomorrow - M^r Jones
will not leave this till Wednesday Morn^g - & of course cannot
see any of the Parents till Thursday, Friday - or perhaps it will
be better to put them off to Friday & Saturday - lest any thing should
prevent his being in time to see them on Thursday.

To prevent you any inconvenience it may be better that they
should come to him at Broad Lodge - but this just as you like
best. - As soon as you get this pray send word to the
Woman there to get a Bed for M^r Jones well aired against
Wednesday Even^g - and pray get some Bread Cheese & Butter
Tea & Sugar in the House for his Tea in the Even^g & Breakfast.
He must likewise provide some thing for his Dinner &c
whilst there - you will direct that.

M^r Henry Bright is anxious to know whether the Digging
of the Ground is yet completed for the planting at Broad
Lodge - that he may send from hence such trees for the
purpose as we have & procure the remainder as the planting
time will soon be over. - What is the next Wood to be fallen

M^r H. B. suggests that it might be well to reserve about
an Acre to fall for our own ~~own~~ general purposes - rather
than be obliged to buy - or cut what we want from any
other part irregularly, & not fit for falling.
I remain &c.

R B

This letter should have gone to the
Post last Even^g but it was omitted

I shall therefore desire M^r Jones to sleep at Ledbury
on Wednesday Night - I go to Broad Lodge Thursday Morn^g
when every thing will be ready for him. -

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J^r W^m Webb Esq^r
 G^r L^r Ledyard

N^y G. 29 Oct^r 1829

In respect to the quantity of Coppice belong-
 -ing to M^r Cook - I have it under M^r Staples hands, who
 measured the whole Estate that is only Nine Acres & thirty
 four Perch, and I am not inclined to have it remeasured,
 for the purpose of my purchase - No one could be a
 more accurate Surveyor than M^r Staples - and as I
 have been guided in every thing by his measures hitherto
 so I must in the present Case - I dare say it may
 have been called in Round Numbers Ten Acres - and
 M^r Cook may have so considered it. I am ready to sign
 an agreement on the terms I have stated in my former letter -
 but I shall not vary in any respect, abiding by Staples
 measure. - The Contract for Sale need be very
 short - and "if it be usual" to be prepared at joint Expence.
 I must be furnished at his will with Full abstract of Title - &
 he must enter into the Covenant to produce Deeds - The
 Conveyance I know I must pay for - I dare say I shall
 not have need of any attested Copies. - Upon perusing
 the abstract I should change my opinion - I will apply
 for them - The sooner I have the abstract sent to
 me the better. - I thank you for your proposed attention
 in respect to Tenants - & for having returned to M^r Rynder
 the Act of Parliament and remain I am Sir
 Y^r Obedt^l Serv^t
 R B

M^r Thomas Bowers
 Old Castle - Chwall

29 October 1829

M^r Jones has given me your letter. If M^r Williams
 does not upon your again informing him that the Accounts
 are in your hands choose to come to examine them, I shall
 consider he has no real objection to me. I will render my final
 Account & put an end to the whole with all the expedition

in my power. - Jones did rightly in not bringing them back without my further orders - but I shall very soon require them to be sent to me if I do not come up to fetch them.

I have no objection to let the Workmen you recommend have the Cottage late Symonds at its proper rent - but the persons who are now living there must not be turned out until they are provided with some other residence. - I leave this to you to exercise a proper attention towards them. - What is the name you propose to place there - & the names of the persons who now occupy it - since the Woman's death I apprehend there was no Man living there.

I am sorry for the hint to you Sir - It will require as much rest as you can give it. - I have not yet seen Mr Jones as I could not go to Bristol yesterday or to day - but your not mentioning Mr Bowers makes me hope she is greatly better - I wish the present dry weather may continue - but present appearances make me doubt it - I remain &c.

RB

I will consider of buying some Cattle
I let you know

✓ Mr. J. Barnett

30 Octo. 1829

Winners Chwall Malvern

Mr Jones has delivered me your letter with a parcel of Accounts - which shall at some early period be examined - but I may not have it in my power to give much attention to them for some days.

I repeat my hope that - no period of Six Months will again elapse, without a settlement taking place between us. - I believe Mr W. Bright will give you his directions respecting the Trees &c. which were sent two days ago by Brown to be delivered at Upton.

Inclosed is a letter for Mr. J. Bowers - which send

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your convenience - the sooner the better. -

I have written to Mr. Martin by this days Post.

I exceedingly regret the return of the Westerly
Wind & Rain

D^r Sir Yours &c.

R B

W^m Carey Esq^r
Green Park. Ireland

W G. 3 Nov^r 1829

Jamaica I flatter myself that altho' now
windbound on board the Ann Capt. Garden, in Kingroad,
on board which Mr. Smith & his Daughter embarked on the
1st the Wind then being fair, they will reach Jamaica
nearly as soon as the Packet by which this is intended
to be forwarded. I use the opportunity merely to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter of 28 July. the last date. The Packet for
which we have been looking for, the last ^{few} days, not having
arrived. - The latter circumstance I regret, because
both Mr. Smith & myself have been anxious to learn before his
departure the state of proceedings on Garretts. He is fully
acquainted with whatever concerns the state of West India
affairs & prospects in England, & to him therefore I refer you
Subscribing myself Sir &c.

R B

P S

I regret to state that the Wind having veered to the
Westward - Our friends Mr. Smith & his Daughter remain
Windbound. I expect therefore they will land again this
afternoon, & resume their quarters at my House, which is
within sight of Kingroad. They are both in excellent
health. -

R B

Thos^r Packet & of Avon

W. G. 3 Nov. 1829

Mr Thomas Williams
 Meylersfield Estate Sav. la. Mar.
 Jamaica

The Packet which has for many days
 past been expected - not having arrived, - I am without
 any letter from you of later date than those already acknow-
 -ledged - and am yet deprived of the Papers which it was
 your purpose to forward of Southampton. - The Chief of the
 Supplies for Meylersfield, are on board the Ann Capt.
 Garden and the Boon, both now in Kingroad, waiting
 another favorable Wind for putting to Sea. - I hope
 the Engine Beam & Boiler, are ready to be shipped from
 London, but yesterday we had no account of their being
 having been sent on board; a Letter has been written
 hastening their being forwarded - I suppose they will
 be on board one of W Wedderburns Ships. -

Mr Smith & his Daughter embarked from my
 House on Sunday the 1st with every prospect of a Fair
 Wind, both the Ships being at single Anchor. I regret
 to say that these flattering appearances soon failed, & the
 Ann has returned to her moorings in Kingroad, and
 I expect Mr Ship & Smith, this afternoon to resume their
 former quarters, within sight of the Ann, & not one hour
 distance from her - they will therefore I trust, remain
 with us until we see a signal for getting underweigh

As there is no doubt of the Packet arriving some time
 before they can, I have thought it right to mention these cir-
 -cumstances, & their being in perfect health, for your & Mr
 Smiths satisfaction - should we information of the same
 kind reach her. - I beg you will communicate this, with
 my best respects to her. - Mr Smith can inform you of
 every thing which can interest you in respect to West India
 affairs, as they appear here than I can by letter - to him therefore I
 refer you. He has been very anxious as I have been for the arrival
 of late dates by the Packet, which I flatter myself will not remain many
 days longer out. - Mr Packet Capt. Brown I remain G. B

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Edw. Cleaver Esq^r Smith Esq^r
Care of Miss Finlayson Archibald Guy
Spanish Town Jamaica

W^m 2 Nov^r 1829

My Family & myself have derived much pleasure from the Company of your Father & Sister, since their return from Liverpool. They embarked yesterday on board the Ship Ann Capt Gardner in perfect health. The Ship is now in Kingroad, but I fear the return of Westerly Winds which have so long prevailed & their consequent detention. The Packet by which this is intended will therefore probably reach Jamaica some time previous to the Ann's arrival there - the more so as she is to call at St. Thomas on her way out.

Should the Wind continue unfavorable they have promised to return to their former quarters at Horn Green - where as we are within sight of the Ship, which lies about three Miles from us - they will I hope continue until signal is given for weighing Anchor.

I remain &c R.B

Per Packet Copy Kingston. Your Father & Sister are well at Horn Green - without any immediate prospect of being called on board

J. Geo. Williams Esq^r

W^m 4 Nov^r 1829

Weylersfield Estate. San la Mar

Jamaica My letter of this date was just sent forward to Falmouth when I received your favor of 4 Sept^r - Covering the Accounts of increased & decrease of Negroes & stock on Weylersfield to 28 June last - which I will examine and enter - having previously shown the same to our friend W. Smith who still remains with me. The Bills you advise shall meet due Acceptance - viz for £300 - £150 & £150

I wish you had stated the date of these Bills - I mean when drawn - they of course are at 90 Days - These are particulars necessary for their Identification of by any means they should be lost or mislaid.

If there is any after entry on either of the Ships now Wind-
 bound - the 12 Bars of Inch Square Iron shall be shipped
 if not, they shall go by the first opportunity. - I thank you
 for your attention to the subject of Conductors, which are
 certainly necessary. - It gives me much satisfaction
 to receive such favorable Accounts of the state of the Negroes
 & the Weather, promising fairly for the ensuing Crop, - if it
 pleases God to continue ^{the} showery Weather.

Trusting this will find you ⁱⁿ good health - & that a
 change of Wind here will soon favor Mr Smith's return to
 you -

Y^r M^{rs} Packet Copy P^r Brown -
 Copy P^r Dea^r Packet

I remain Sir &c
 The Boiled Beans P B
 are on board one of
 Mr Wedderburns Ships - I believe the
 Castle Eden

W^m Leary Esq^r

W^m 4 Nov^r 1829

Green Park Trelanney Jamaica

I have since sending a few lines to you & Packet
 received your favor of 1st Sept^r by the Packet now arrived.

The Bills you have drawn on me in favor. Steel
 Elmi H^c for £400 - & M^r Edw^d Smith for £100 will on presentation
 receive due honor - I wish you had mentioned the day on
 which they bore date as it may be useful to identify them
 of course they are drawn at 90 D^y Sight.

I have only to regret the continued want of rain in
 your quarter of the Island - entertaining a hope however that
 the Seasons which I find had set in Westmoreland would
 soon have extended themselves to Grenada & its neighbourhood,
 according to the expectations you had formed at the date of
 your letter. - The South west Wind seems to have taken
 its station too strongly to give hopes that our mutual friend
 M^r Smith will not be detained here for some days. Wind bound.

I subscribe myself respectfully, &c.

M^{rs} Packet
 Copy P^r Brown

P B

Mr. Thos. Perkins

N. Y. 7 Nov. 1829

Quay Street - Haverfordwest

I rec^d in course your letter of 2 Inst^s covering a Bill for One Hundred Pounds - pay^{ble} by Jones Lloyd & Co London 1 Dec^r having Mr. Watters endorsement - (who I find have opened a branch of the Carmar. Bank in Haverfordwest) - The Acco^t accompanying it having a Balance in my favor of £3. 9. 11 appears to be correct. - The payments by direction of N. A Stokes Mr. Palmer & N. B. W. Bright, I fully admit. - The Postages &c under other circumstances, than the last few months, would have appeared large, but such will not again occur -

The Cost of Butter & payment to the Clergy Charity, make the whole amount of Debits.

The Credits as stated, leave according to my Account the following Balances from Tenants - due to me as on 25 March last - John Child - £83. 15. 6 - Widow Walter £34. 18. - John Thomas £66. 8. 0 - David Evans £24. 16. 10 (Rich. Rees will have over paid the allowance of £300 for building before Lady day next - I reckon at that time he will owe me £24) Stephen Ginnel, ~~after~~ owed £40, 25 March last, after deducting the whole allowance for building £45. -

Thos. Evans £7 - And Mr. Batha £10 - less half the Cost of new Roofing the Cor or Q Shed. - As I suppose that the Roof is on, & the whole finished - you had better ascertain at once the Items of the Cost of these repairs, that I may adjust the Account. - Mr. Bowen when at the last Fair, settled the whole of his Rent to 25 March. - If in any case you find me wrong - pray inform me, that I may correct the Error, but I do not expect there are any.

As I hope some of these arrears will be paid up before Christmas advise me, but do not remit - until I reply to your letter. - Out of the first must be discharged any charges to which I am liable to N. Goode & N. Summers - as preparatory to which - pray request them to send me their Accounts

I shall then request you to return for your own use Twenty Pounds as heretofore, and Ten additional - in consideration of extra trouble you have in the course of the year been put to requesting your vigilance on matters which are yet to be decided - & communication should anything tending to that point - come to your knowledge. - I am obliged by your attentions to my Sons & M^r Palmer -

Yours &c

RB

M^r Jos. Barnett

17th Nov^r 1829

Winnings Colwall Malvern

I received your letter of yesterday this even^g but too late to return an answer, till tomorrow night's Post. I received likewise a letter from M^r Brown, & have written a reply which I hope and expect will render it unnecessary at this time to look out for another Tenant - and with this view I have written to M^r Holbrook not at present to proceed further in seeking for another tenant - until I get a reply - My letter to her goes to Ledbury & I wish you would let her know that I have written to her. You will then likewise desist for the present. - In respect to the Annings, I thought you knew that there was a probability that it would be vacant - & certainly that Brookbury would be to be let, you must have known. - To M^r Holbrook I likewise communicated the same, in the fall of the year, and in a letter to him lately, I again mentioned the subject, - and said that as no one had applied I wished he would recollect what I had said to him, which was the cause of his so informing M^r Hill. - I have now written to him to ask what he knows of that person, his Character, property & connections. - I have said that my terms were for a lease of 12 years, with a break at Six, - the Conditions the same, as both he & you know, I have usually required. The Rent I have named is Two Hundred & thirty Pounds a year, but if

Character & every other circumstance were agreeable & no other difficulty arose, I might give way to the over Hundred. You are not only at full liberty, but I shall be obliged by your enquiring among your friends and any information you acquire on the subject of a good tenant. I shall be greatly obliged by your communicating to me, Mr. Melbrook, as I wish you to act hand in hand, in this business, one may know what the other does not, & the final agreement if any is come to, must go through Mr. Melbrook's hands. - Or even, if the Weather is fine & I escape a Cold, I may even wish to come up to conclude it myself, when I have completed my West India business.

I had nearly forgot to mention that you must give no encouragement, to my permitting a New Step Yard to be broken up & the Old one prolonged up & destroyed. I certainly will not treat of it as a preliminary - whatever I may do hereafter.

It must be left to circumstances, & my future consideration.

There has been some great mistake about the Ironmongery & I fear the list has been mislaid, - As you must have a Copy of that sent to me - let me have it, & the whole shall be sent by Fly Waggon to Worcester if you will direct me where the Package shall be left - to set out in two days after I receive the list.

If there are any other matters unnoticed of your late letters I will endeavour to revise them - but as I did not get your & Mr. Brown's letters till ^{very} late this afternoon I now can add no more. - Have you written to Mr. Calcraft or had you rather that I should do it - I remain &c.

RB

Matters of Acc't. I shall refer to in my next.

James Melbrook Esq:

Esq: Ledbury

Wey 7 Nov: 1827

In consequence of a letter received this day from Mr. Brown of the Cummings Estate - and a reply I have made to her intended by this - but now I find too late to send before

the Post of tomorrow; - I desire you will defer until you hear from me again, taking any measures towards procuring any other Tenant for that Estate.

Mr. Barnett has written to me a letter received just now, that on your recommendation, a Mr. Hill of Bishops Cleeve, & his Brother had been with him to look over Brookbury Estate, & which he had gone over & was to see or hear further on the subject on Tuesday, as to terms I rent - as I know nothing of this person, and you have not written to me of him, I find a difficulty in directing Mr. Barnett as to his proceedings. I therefore beg from you, such particulars of this person as you can communicate - and whether they are derived from your own knowledge or from report only - If from your own, I shall place great confidence in what you state. The period would not be for more than 12 Years with a break at the end of Six, at the will of either party - the Conditions such as have been usual with me. The Rent I mentioned to you was £230 - but if he be quite eligible no other difficulty occurs, & any friend would join in security, I would finally name the Over Hundred. - We spoke of wishing to break up a piece of the Pasture for a new Hayland, & prolonging up the Old one. - I shall not like to consent to this without very good reasons given me, and certainly not as a preliminary. - Is this Person married & has he a family? I shall write to the same purport to Mr. Barnett, but I shall refer Mr. Hill to you; for my final determination; after I get your reply. - I hope I shall have no difficulty in getting quiet possession at Comdemps. Of this suggestion I pray you to take no notice. I shall soon write to you again. I have no special reason for thinking so except from a report that Warland does not wish to ~~give up~~ quit, and I am not sufficiently acquainted with the Character of the Executor of the late W. Browning - in whom, had he lived, I am sure I should have found no difficulty arise.

Max M. Cooke come to my conclusive opinion
 respecting the Sale of the Coffee.
 I remain Dear Sir
 R B

J. Brampton Esq.
 Gt. Worcester

W. G. 11 Nov. 1829

It was only this Morn. that I was able to
 find the Lease Granted to me of late Hewings - or Matt
 Mouse in Welland - it having been incautiously put in
 the interior of the Decree of Welland Court Estate. - It has
 given me much dissatisfaction at not having sooner found
 it - Being certain it could not be lost - I have been daily
 in hopes of putting my hand upon it - & therefore delayed
 writing - to explain the cause of my not having sooner
 forwarded the draft you sent me two months ago - I now
 return it herewith by Mail Coach. -

Having this Morning compared the draft with the lease
 now about to expire - I find a very near correspondence
 therewith, - the chief variation is the power in either party to
 render the lease void by Six Months previous notice - at
 the end of the first Seven or Fourteen Years - to which
 according to the Rent I have now agreed to pay for it, I of
 course cannot object - and probably should have proposed,
 had I not found it already in the draft. Whenever therefore
 you send me the Lease drawn as the Draft is, I will not
 delay in the execution of it.
 I remain
 Dear Sir
 R B

James Holbrook Esq^r
 Sedbury

W G 11 Nov. 1829

Having as I before informed you agreed with
 Grimberton for a New Lease to commence 1 Feb. next of
 Welland Court & the Matt House Estates - I have sent you
 in this Parcel - the last Agreement or Lease, which expired
 two years ago - from which you will please to make a draft
 for a New Lease of Fourteen Years with break at the end of
 first Seven on Notice from either party - conforming in
 the draft in what this Lease differs - with those you have
 before made for me - which I believe is not much - and
 noting the Remarks in Pencil made thereon - which draft
 you will please as soon as you can send to me for
 perusal before it is forwarded to Mr. Grimberton for
 approbation. Pray alter the general form of words
 as little only as is absolutely necessary to make the
 alterations referred to. I want an Answer to my
 last - I subscribe myself Dear Sir. RB

Mr Jos Barnett

13 Nov. 1829

Windsor - Colwall Malvern

I desire you will get all the Hinges & Screws
 necessary from Sedbury - except those for Dairy & Cellar
 Doors - which the Smith must make. Send for them
 as soon as you receive this - I will send on Monday
 the Locks & all the other articles to Worcester to be forwarded
 to Davy as you desire

I cannot separate the Pytt House from Brockbury.
 Even if I am obliged to keep Brockbury in hand, I
 will not let it at the terms offered.

I will enquire about the Trees, which ought to
 have been cut up long since.

The Oven at Col Bass must be immediately.

repaired - As the season for falling Elm is nearly come you must get one or two Trees taken down where they can be best spared - Trees which are not thriving - get them sawn into Board, have the edges cast straight & laid down loose till the Summer & then planed & nailed - by which time, if not ceiled under, they will be dry, but during the interval they should be turned once or twice upside down, that the parts resting on the joists, may dry.

I did not expect that the Horse at Knoll Lodge would be kept on by Mr. Calcraft, but I wished to give him the offer. - I suppose Mr. Lewis will pay you the Rent. - I do not wish you to enquire, but if you hear whether the Furniture is to be removed or disposed of in the spring of the year, inform me. How much has it been occupied this year.

I regret much the death of Mr. Webb - he was a truly respectable Man - has he left any other children than Mr. J. Webb

I shall send either on Monday or Tuesday - so as to be ready on Wednesday Morning

Directed for Davis, Mahon Wells,

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| 2 Iron rim Locks | } for Front & Back Outer Doors |
| 2 Strong Thumb Latches | |
| 4 Round Bolts | |
| 2 Plate Stock Locks | } for Dining & Cellar |
| 2 Thumb Latches | |
| 2 - Small - | for Cupboard & under Stairs |
| 2 Stock Locks (small) | for Ditto |
| 1 Iron rim Lock with brass handles | Spring Latch |
| | Memories - Parlor Door |
| 2 Cupboard Locks | Parlor Cupboard |
| 2 Small Stock Locks | } Chambers above Stairs |
| 4 Thumb Latches | |
| 4 Spring Bolts | |

One Cast Iron Door Knocker

I do not understand the Shutter fastenings
I shall not now order or send them - Is there room
in the Boxes for Iron Bars?

Escutcheons - Screws Nails &c. - will be in the Packages

I find a difficulty in ordering the Locks - it not being
sent whether to open right or left - I have ordered accord^d
to my best recollection - if any are wrong they must be
put upside down -

W. Gibbs
Ledbury

W G Nov 1829

I desire you to make a very exact
admeasurement, of the Worcester Road towards Ledbury of
the whole length of the front of my land at the Knoll Lodge, inclu-
ding ten Yards in extent beyond each end of the same and
in breadth from the plant of my boundary hedge on Knoll Lodge,
to the boundary hedge of the Old inclosure on the opposite side
of the road, - particularly laying down the Wall as now standing
and marking the part which has been pulled down with which
I enclosed the stripe of ground in front of my land; the situation
of the Gate, which is now almost inaccessible at the top of the
Bank, the Old Coach House, the excavation to make a way up
to the adjoining Cottage - and all the inclosure & Cottages, if there are
any, between the Stoned Road way & the Hedge of the Old inclosure
opposite to my land - And particularly the breadth of the turnpike
road from the water table on the other side of the road, to my
Wall - All the dimensions I wish written down on the plan,
which I wish on soft paper which will bear Ink / in mere outline,
such as I may inclose in a letter when folded - I only want
accuracy of admeasurement - The Width of the Roadway must
be taken at each end and in two or more places in the interval.
The Scale should not be less than Five Yards to an Inch -
which will give a length of Paper about a Yard

or somewhat more - the breadth only sufficient to leave a good margin round the whole.

I hope this is sufficiently explanatory - If not, you must write to me, what further instructions you want.

* Note - the line of the Fronts of the Cottages on the opposite side & their distance from the Water table of the road is quite enough - I do not want the other dimensions of them. - Your doing this speedily will oblige me

I am Sir

RB

James Wallbrook Esq
Gt. Geddway

M.G. 24 Nov. 1829

I return you herewith the Agreement for purchase of the Moares Coppice, which on the whole I approve, Copied on a Twenty Shilling Stamp, & executed by me; - a blank being left for the Interest payable on Purchase money, if the whole is not completed by 2 Feb. - Five percenters times 40 - is a great incentive to delay, - No transaction now being more than Four percent, & with your consent I so desire it to be filled up. -

I cannot think of letting Brockbury, at the present & deal reduction in values - I shall prefer the risk of holding it a year in hand. - I may possibly lose more by it than a whole years rent, even at the full value at which it has been, but I will take my chance of that. - Prices cannot be worse, unless every thing goes to ruin. - There is in my opinion, reasonable ground to suppose, that they will all be better, with the return in the value of Money, & the prosperity of our Manufactures, of which there are evidently rising prospects. - I shall hope to hear from you soon with the draft of Lease to Trimberron.

I had written this before I received the Copy of Agreement on a Stamp - I find that my Clerk has filled up the

Interest above referred to - as at five Cent - for the reason stated I desire its alteration to four Cent - under Mr. Cooks sanction - but I nevertheless do not make an absolute point of it, in consequence of its having been filled up by my Clerk -

As I am to pay for Copies of returned Deeds of Title to the Office if I want them I must desire that the abstract of Title with which I am to be furnished, may be full & particular, especially at it respects such Deeds - that I may judge of the necessity of incurring such expence - I retain the Draft of Agreement - the Agreement itself will of course remain with you after Mr. Cook has executed it - as for both parties until the Conveyance, is ready & the sale complete. -

I have had with me this evening a Gentleman who was yesterday at Monmouth Fair - who tells me and I have perfect confidence in his knowledge of Cattle & the correctness of his report - that there was a considerable advance in price & a very free Sale. - I hope this will ^{not} be found a solitary instance of information
I subscribe myself Sir &c
RB

P.S. The Stamp making part of the expences of the Agreement - you will give me Credit for - Charging ^{me with} One half of Cost of Agreement, Stamp included. -

W.D. Waite
Crowley House Winchester

W.G. 26 Nov. 1829

I received but have not yet time to examine your Books. Under this Cover, you will find an order on Messrs. Wickham for One Hundred ^{Twenty} Pounds - I will send the Books next week.

I am glad that what is done at Headbourne Worthy is satisfactory to Mr. Courtney. But the Shelves he asks for in

The Receipt. (Take an early opportunity to give him the enclosed Note) - I note the alteration by taking away the back Stairs. - As Mr. Courtney does, I approve of it.

I like what you have done to make the passage dry, I think it will succeed. - Your proceedings in planting at Sutton - & progress in the other Works directed seems satisfactory, you judge rightly, in doing all you can to the Hedges - now the planting is done before you proceed with Whinnying. -

I much regret the necessity of prosecuting any of the Poor persons of the neighbourhood for trifling thefts, but when they are taken & can be identified it must be done. In the case however of a large family - if in other respects they are not ill conducted - except in taking fire wood. - I would treat them as clemently as possible. - Make much stir about it, but except in atrocious cases, suffer the parties silently to escape from Majesterial punishment, - particularly if the consequence is to separate the Man from his family, & confine him in Gaol. - I hope however the severe example made by Mr. Heathcote in the case you refer to will have its effect on others - shewing to what they are liable who so offend. It should be well known abroad I talked of. -

I believe that the privation of a fire to a family in the Winter is the greatest they can suffer. - I therefore am well assured that Charity distributed in Firing - Coals or Wood, is among the most useful means that can be used for their relief. - It would be a cheaper way of preventing Hedge Stealing than the fear of punishment. - It should be considered of by the Overseers of several adjoining Parishes any plan of the kind confined to one parish would have no effect on those of the adjoining one. -

Is Hawkins - a Parishioner of Crawley?

In respect to Tuffle Whinnying - the loss is not much -

I have no objection to a few Notices being put up - but I hardly think worth setting people to watch - altho' such may be given out, as intended - but if Mr Henry Bright desires it let it be done - I have not thought to speak with him about it - but he has seen your letter.

It has snowed here all the morning with Wind at N.E. From the present appearance, were it Feb. I should expect a very deep Snow. -

Now as the turneps turned out - they complain here that the roots are very small, in consequence of the early dry Weather which checked the root - & the late wet, which greatly increased the Leaves - Potatoe Crop turns out indifferently both in quantity & quality - to the disappointment not only of the Poor - but the Owners of draft Horses, who are now much in the habit of feeding them in a large proportion with steamed Potatoes, on which food they look well & work hard. - R B

A Basket of Rabbits came yesterday - I should be glad if a Hare or even a brace to be here on Tuesday & some Partridges - I know not how the Pheasants hold out - but if they can well be spared One or a brace may be added I have some Friends to be with me next week -

Mr Jos. Barnett
Winings - Elwell Malvern
H. G. 26 Nov. 1829
I am very much pleased that you have had such an escape & hope you will not be long before you discover the Thieves I hope you will not be long, but I fear unless it be by accident that will not be the case - there is no doubt but they are people well acquainted with you & the circumstances of your House - I wish they had taken away more useless Papers - some or other of them might have assisted in the discovery I am sure they would be sorely disappointed in finding,

that the whole of their plunder amounted only to Twenty Shillings — They evidently expected Bills from the search they made in the Papers — To open all the letters &c. must have taken them no small time — and it will occupy you or your Sister an evening or two to fold and arrange them again — I wonder they satisfied themselves with carrying out only the Trunk & Writing Desk I did not whilst in the House rummage the Drawers & Cupboard I take for granted you were not aware that your House had not been broken open till the Morning.

It will confirm you in the necessity of taking your Bills & other valuables up stairs with you.

I approve of the being cut down instead of the Elm, at Lewis's. — The Package I know did not arrive at Davis's on Wednesday, as there has been another neglect — but I hope tomorrow to see it in the way to be sent off myself if the Weather does not prevent my going into Bristol.

It now snows hard — I find I have taken Cold.

The Grates for the Bed Chambers of the Lower Mo. need be very small — they can scarcely be too much so — only Skeleton Grates set in Brick Mo.

The Grate in the Parlour — plain Iron Mo. & black unpolished Brass — I believe the whole fronts are cast together & may be had exactly to fit the width of the opening of the Chimney piece. — Let them be procured from Leedsbury.

For a plain Chimney piece for the Parlour 40s. appears to me a good deal — they are here charged by the foot.

I will endeavor before I close this to find your letter which mentions the Cypress Wood which Baggot informed you was the cut — If I omitted to write about it it was not so my design — My Letters to you are copied in Bristol, so that I cannot now refer to them.

Is it not time to advertize the Sale — whatever they sell at. pray see that ^{they} ~~you~~ are sold to persons able to Pay.

What remains unpaid of last years fall. - The small piece you proposed to be retained & felled for our own use I wish so done. - I consider that I have made my final Agreement for the Hoares Coppice - the Conveyance & possession to be given 22 Feb. but all the Wood as now standing is included in the purchase so that N. Cook will have no right to cut any thing from the present time.

I find by reference to your letter to N. Gibbs on the subject of this Wood - that the greater part was felled 10 & 8 Years ago - 1 Acre - 2 Years & 2 Acres One Year - Gibbs recommends I agree that it will be right to fall the two first at the same time he says in Four Years but of that we shall hereafter better judge.

In your letter of 20 October I observe that you propose felling about Seven Acres of Colwall Coppice adjoining to what N. Parker bought the year before last - & the piece which was underwooded by Bowers - the latter only regularly to stock it - I approve of the first, but not knowing how much the latter was perhaps it will be falling too much in this year when Money is not plenty - besides unless the Ash Poles are very numerous - the underwood being of so little growth the whole will not sell for much - do you & Baggott consider this again - & if the quantity in measure is not too large hereafter to make one fall with the 7 Acres - it shall be so determined & I will reply to your opinion the next Post but one after I receive it. - Your letter said you would look again at the little Coppice below Baxhill to see if that would do to be kept for our own use. - Look at it & let me know & this subject will then be brought to an end for the present year. - The letter you sent to me from Mr. Martin some weeks ago related to the imclosure & exchanges of Land in the Bodryatt Field - which he is as much inclined to & with more reason as I am - but it is at an end - Mr. Barrett not choosing to concur in my plans

which I formed in 1816 have been returned to me.
 I do not now suppose it will ever be done - which from
 Mr Martin having taken up the subject without any
 special suggestion of mine I fully expected would
 have been accomplished
 I am Sir
 R B

Pray desire Mr Bowers to send me
 a brace of Pheasants & some Partridges if to be had,
 to be here on Tuesday next. If they come earlier they
 will keep well at this season, therefore I wish them sent
 the day after they are shot, without waiting - as I had rather
 have them earlier than Tuesday if I can. -

Major Bond
 Worcester

30 November 1829

Permit me to address myself to you as a Trustee
 of the Worcester Turnpikes, requesting to attend their Meeting on
 Wednesday next (2 Dec^r) for the purpose of promoting ^{the} full
 consideration of a letter, I have forwarded to them under cover
 to Mr. Cameron, - being very anxious that the questions arising
 between the Commissioners & myself should be finally settled.

I pray you will pardon the trouble this may give you, not
 finding myself sufficiently acquainted, with any of the Gentlemen
 who I am informed, usually attend, to make a similar
 request to them. - To Mr Wall who as Treasurer I under-
 stand does not attend the ordinary Meetings, I write a few
 lines to the same import with this.

I have to thank you on behalf of my Son D^r Bright,
 for your care in searching for & forwarding to Mr Baker my
 late respected relations kind remembrance of him,
 which has been carefully put into my Sons Possessions.
 I beg to subscribe myself
 Sir Yr. R B