

Dear Sir,

I am sure on reflexion that you could not have supposed it to be in my power to lessen the amount of the bill which you have put your name to for me - I have sold nothing whatever of my harvest the only thing I had to depend on - nor (as you must know yourself) can I leave off reaping it to thresh out and sell, ~~and~~ If I can pay the £200 which you and Mr. Cameron advanced (and which I have more than expended) - I consider that it will be all I can do for some months - You have a right to do as you think proper - If you and my other creditors insist - I am willing to give up at once and sell every thing - but if you have patience - I will also pay you all - ~~provided~~

I can get thro my harvest and the expence
of embarkment. I am ready to give you
account of every Shilling laid out since you
off^r met at my house. I also cannot
see that your having become answerable for
me can put you to any expence - or prevent
the payment of any sum that you may
otherwise have to pay - no economy can
hinder the amount to be paid by me
for maintenance of my farm from being
very large - but the produce if not reduced
by want of means to farm as I would
wish - would also be great in proportion

If you know or can find a purchaser for the
town allotments - for the horses for the carriage
or any of my furniture or for any thing I
have except the ^{sheep} ~~of~~ which I have not more
than about ^{sheep} ^{half} enough to stock my farm
by which I ^{inconsequence} now must lose instead of gaining
(as I should do if stocked) I am most
willing to give you half of what may be
obtained towards discharging my obligation

I am dear Sir
your truly
Wood

I have an order for 20 Men to repair my
embankment - but the unexpected flood
hitherto unknown in January - and having
hardly any means to pay them - have
prevented me from employing them -

An instance of the effect of poverty -

If I had been a bankrupt merchant
not able to pay 10^s in the pound I
should perhaps have been helped or
but having effects to pay all, all endeavour
to be the first to beat me down -

Cap W. Wood
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