

My dear Sir Hanteridge 20 Oct 1777

I said in my letter that I had not read Saturday's Chronicle - I have since received it - and read the proceedings of Monday's meeting - Mr Allen has proved that he has acted well whilst in Office - & so on but I cannot approve his proposal of shaking hands with Mr Hermod after the contest - It is a new conveying proposal - If Mr Hermod deserves to be turned out for his conduct towards the Gov^s - and for his abuse of our colony - Mr A. who ought to be much attached to the Gov^s - acts meanly in saying he would be friends with Mr H - besides - I almost know that happen what will, they never can be really friends - The effect will be that Mr ^{Allen} ~~Hermod~~ will lose his election - for the only, at least the greatest plea Mr Hermod's friends would have for leaving him - would be that they could not be friends with a man so violent and sanguinary - but if Mr Allen can be so, why of course they may - I like to see men determined - Of course what I have proposed in my letter, will not meet your approbation -

You will see that a postscript in my correspondence of Saturday in the Chronicle was omitted - I forgot to add it but sent it to Lancaster immediately after my letter -

The mention Mr D makes in his letter of Henry 10 Children for whom he lived - and the severity of the law for the protection of Bullies and Tollhouses - depress me & any wish to settle the matter in the manner I should otherwise have preferred - your truly M Wood

This Mr Wood's letter to the Chronicle that Mr W. Gibson was to have been elected you have seen printed on the back of the letter of your other letter never say by your signature

P.S.