

Hawkridge 5 June 1842

My dear Sir

I am sure that I have no idea of the cause of my acceptance of your draft being unpaid

On Saturday last (27th I believe) I went to Perth got your letter and wrote from [?] enclosing it to Mr Henty as usual – I gave the letter to Mr Hankey a gentleman who had been staying with me – telling him it was of consequence – ever since that day I have been so ill as to be confined to my room – and was obliged to have out Dr D Dussel – my complaint principally Rheumatism but attended with spasms in my stomach and breast – I have never heard any thing about the bill nor indeed thought of it – until I got your letter – by some means or another not calculated on, my account is perhaps a few pounds overdrawn – but if so it must be a very trifle – I ~~have~~ shall send in tomorrow – Louis to enquire into and settle it – if it has occurred through my neglect which I do not think I shall suffer for it sufficiently for it has brought back a regular attack of the spasms

With kind regards
yours truly
W Wood

Mr Leake Esq

Wm Wood
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