

My dear Sir,      Hawkhurst 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept 1844

It being near the time for my paying  
the 8<sup>th</sup> and as I suppose both you  
and Mr Swan must join in authorizing  
me to receive the money from the  
Bank for that purpose - I have  
sent you copy of my letter to Mr  
Swan -

" I do not know the amount of the 8<sup>th</sup>  
" debts but they will amount to four  
" or five pounds less than £200 - but  
" I have also to pay £9. 5 for the carriage  
" of part of the wheat into Linnerton -

" I therefore think it would be preferable to  
" authorize me to give my check for about £205  
" to Mr Gladwin order - who will disburse it and  
" return the difference - I also think that I  
" should be authorized (as Mr Leake will frequently  
" see my book of accounts) to draw for small  
" sums say under £10 - without sending to both

" of you for checks - but this is you and Mr  
" Leake to whom I have sent a copy of this  
" may determine - Also to manage the farm  
" which power seems by the deed to be taken  
" from me without appointing any one else  
" It is necessary that I should receive the  
" authority or an order for the money by  
" Friday post at furthest. MW

My Son John has taken some cattle  
to the Windfalls the work & the  
flood has made them so poor  
that at present they would not  
sell -

with kind regards to Mr Leake  
Yours truly

In Leake &c

MW

Cap W. Wood

23 Sep 1844

Ino Leake Esq

