

Hawkridge 4 April 1844

My dear Sir

I did not receive your letter until Monday Evg in Launceston – being obliged to attend the Court to give a prisoner a character – I had written to you on Saturday –

I would wish to give plain and satisfactory replies, but you must I think allow, that in my distressed situation I cannot easily resolve on what I ought to do – It is certain that you are entitled to act as you think proper – in enforcing your rights – If corn had been at a decent price I could have satisfied all –

The £300 for which we gave mutual acceptances altho I did think, you would not have withdrawn at the time at the time I most needed (for if I could have passed on to next harvest, I should have been clear) is certainly justly due to you – but those debts which I have incurred for the necessities of life and those moneys lent to me on promise to pay at a fixed time are I think most imperative on me – I do not object to sell every thing I have in the world and to give over the amount to my creditors – But I hope that rather than ruin me altogether they would have patience as I do not see how they could lose by it.

I submit this proposition to you – To give up every thing into your and other hands as trustees to sell all but what is absolutely necessary for my subsistence and the carrying on of the farm to advantage – those things and the cattle also to be their property – until my creditors are satisfied - To receive every sum from those trustees according to their ideas of what is necessary to the payment of my servants and the subsistence of my family – I believe I have above 9000 bushels of grain in hand – The Windfalls and 3400 acres here – subject to mortgage – some allotments horses – house furniture – and next year if permitted to till my farm properly may expect 10,000 bushels more, and then I think all except Cameron [?] would be discharged – If you approve – I will write to all my creditors above £15 or £20 – who are not above Sir [?] altogether – requesting their consent -

I am my dear Sir

Yours truly

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