

Launceston  
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My dear Sir

I have seen Mr Swan this morning – he seems to wish to do me service, but knows not what to advise, and will give his opinion tomorrow – one thing I am glad of, is that he gives up all claim to the 5000B Wheat – In addition to Mr Cameron's giving me only 3/6 for what I did send in, He found a letter from him saying that If I felt inclined to send wheat or any other article he would give 4s for what I did send in – which plainly shows that he could not demand any – Mr S seemed much surprised at his refusal to abide by his agreement – but owned that it was plain enough. I am very glad of this for Mr Robertson and others seemed annoyed at my not stating to them that I owed Mr C the balance to make up the 5000 – Mr Swan is much annoyed about the £200 for the sheep – I told him I had considered it to be his right and that I had so stated to the meeting – I wish I had not mentioned my right to pay in corn yearly – as my creditors may take a fancy to the growing crops but Mr Swan says that altho he holds Mr Cameron's agreement sacred, yet the lease would be paramount and if it is attempted to take the growing crop he would act on the lease –

I can make no arrangements whatever with Benjamin – what to do in this regard I know not – he demands £20 – down and rem [?] when I like. It is hard to be ruined for £20 out of £5000 – But with exception of paying my servants which I will do right or wrong – I shall remain neuter – If they choose to sacrifice me paying perhaps 10s – when others pay not half that Sum it will be hard – if at the same time they would knock me in the head – they would do me a pleasure and I would forgive all the rest –

Mr Swan talked something of offering to be joint trustee with you – but only among other stray observations – he seems quite undecided – when I hear the result of his reflexions I will write again.

I am my dear Sir  
yours truly  
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