My dear Sir,

I did not receive your letter until Monday by in Lancaster being obliged to attend the Court to give a proof of Character — I had written to you on Saturday.

I would wish to give plain and satisfactory replies but 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 ever had been at a decent price I could have satisfied all.

The 2300 for which we gave mutual receipts at the I did think you would not have withheld at the time at the time I most needed you should have paid on to next harvest, I should have been clear I is certainly partly due to you — but those debts which I have incurred for the necessities of life and those money lent to me on promise to pay at a good time are I think most imperative on me — I do not object to sell ever.
thing I have in the world and to give over the amount to my creditor. But I hope that rather than ruin me altogether they would have patience as I do not see how they could live by it.

I submit this proposition to you—To give up every thing into your and others hands as trustee 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 creditor are satisfied—So receive every man from those trustees according to their ideas that is necessary to the payment of my servants and the subsistence of my family. I believe I have above 200 bushels of grain in hand. The Windfuls and 3400 acres have subject to mortgage—some allotments, horses—house furniture &c., and near 2000 acres or may expect 10,000 bushels more, and then I wish all except cornure would be discharged. If you approve, I will write to all my creditor above 215 or 220—who are not above. I am my dear Sir

Your truly,

[Signature]

Wood.