

Boston, May 14 1838.
73. Old Broad Street.

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The truth is my numerous & almost overwhelming
engagements both in connection with the African
Church and the affairs of the world have now been
such for many years as almost to preclude the
possibility of my keeping up any lengthened correspondence
of a private kind. - Besides I heard pretty regularly

from you, or rather of you thro' Mr. Mrs. Cotton
for a long time which was generally satisfactory.

But finding the time running on and your house
in Critchell Place upon which I have a mortgage
for £200 @ 5% per ann to be getting of less value,
I spoke to Mr. Cotton about either paying me
the principal or else selling the house, if any
surplus to pay it over to you. My solicitor however
advised, that altho I have power to sell I might

had when you left beg them kind requests to you - Henry
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as well give notice of my intention, which I did
in writing to Mr. Cotton, as your Attorney, &
which he forwarded to you. - I then had a
survey upon the House for my Government
& ascertained that in the Market, it wo^d. not
fetch more than £300, but that any private
family, wishing to live in it, might perhaps
give more. - The Tenant, then I now in
possession was spoken to, as well as Mr. Austen
the Doctor, whom you may recollect lives near,
who Mr. Cotton thought would buy it, but neither
of them wo^d. bid up until I spoke of putting
it up to the Hammer, when the present Tenant
Mr. Coe offered £350 barely covering my advance
to you, without any arrears of Interest, Expenses
of Transfer &c. which I asked Mr. Cotton to
pay, but he declined without an order from
you. I then stopp^d. Mr. Coe. receiving the
rent which is £36 p^a Ann, as let by Mr. C. -
I have been receiving it since Sep. 1836 - &
paying the Ground Rent £5.5 p^a Ann. Fire
Insurance & Repairs, &c. - The present Tenant

is a respectable man & the House is kept in
good order. - My reason for not having sold the
House is, to give you an opportunity of paying
the Principal off without a sale if you wish
it, & by receiving the rent for a time, the amount
of Principal is reducing, so as to give an
opportunity of making such a sale as may
cover the advance upon it, & all Expenses,
which Mr. Cotton will not pay me without
your orders, but to which I am strictly
entitled. - and as Pub. sale runs up
Expenses, & I see no chance of
them back, I had rather wait
lines from you on the subject. My only wish
& anxiety is, to do that which will best serve
your Interest & get you clear of the House
in such a way as will bring you the ^{money} most
for it. - Please write me your views fully, & if
it cannot be got rid of to cover all Expenses,
will ^{you} instruct Mr. Cotton to pay them? or write
me your mind on the subject, & I will carry ^{your}
wishes into effect, if I can without injury to
myself. - Mrs. ^{never} sell the children, whom

Dr Geo. Storey
Great Swan Port
Van Diemen Land



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J. Bowen