





go to Town purposely on this business for me - my health not  
 admitting me to do so - he had an interview <sup>to</sup> Mr. Thos. Thos. & a  
 conversation ensued <sup>then</sup> in which he offered to ~~my friend~~ <sup>the vendor</sup> sanction  
 either to let or sell down ~~my estate~~ <sup>my estate</sup> conditionally - under my sanction  
 conditionally either to let or sell of property <sup>to</sup> Mr. Thos. Thos.  
 for a 1000 a year or at 15% cap purchase at 20 years  
~~previously stated~~ - he has since received a letter from Mr. Thos.  
<sup>James</sup> stating that he w<sup>o</sup>ld take him again on business - as Mr. Thos. R.  
~~had~~ in a great measure agreed to the propositions made ~~before~~  
 my an<sup>o</sup> was. they had my time & a <sup>could</sup> - & if His Lordship  
 accepted it. ~~could~~ <sup>shall</sup> meet him in London the next week in May  
 You are now in full possession of every thing that has  
 transpired since you saw Mr. Hall - and I request your advice  
 how to proceed & if an<sup>o</sup> - you w<sup>o</sup>ld dictate for me to write to  
 Mess<sup>rs</sup>. D. - I see no reason why I should make a present of  
 £200. a year to Mr. R. - if Mess<sup>rs</sup>. D. would instantly become  
 responsible agreeable to their own terms for 7 years from  
 the 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. 1819 - On the other hand I foresee great difficulty  
 & expense - as far as relates to Mr. Tysons possession removal  
 of the Property into <sup>ultimately</sup> ~~to~~ Mr. R. a stipulation that  
~~business must be settled between of parties agreeable to the~~  
 Custom of Country - without involving me ~~at all~~ in  
 the transaction. <sup>It is likely Mess<sup>rs</sup>. D. being assured that Mr. R. is in a high</sup>  
~~either for the hire or purchase~~ <sup>to be brought immediately on</sup>  
~~became assured of the treaty with Mr. R. to close~~ <sup>of the property & business</sup>  
~~without waiting for any other information from Mr. R. - I do so~~  
~~take this proposal~~ <sup>and I do so</sup> ~~to be made~~ <sup>to be made</sup> ~~for his~~  
~~unfavourable conduct~~ <sup>I think it preferable</sup> ~~for his~~  
~~state adjoining will be little worth~~ <sup>dismantled of some</sup> ~~for his~~  
 your most known opinions & advice & believe me to be  
 Mr. Thos. Thos. & Mr. R.







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I have given ~~you~~ the subject of your letter received this morning as much consideration as the time would admit, tho' your situation is attended with so much difficulty that it requires much more to determine satisfactorily, what is most prudent under the circumstances to do.

If Mess<sup>rs</sup> Donnistons would complete the arrangement immediately, without waiting for further communication from S<sup>r</sup> Pitts, it would certainly be advisable to close with them, but from their letter we must suppose that they will not be induced to do so, & in that case it is not prudent to lose Lord Romney's immediate offer, for the chance of Mr. Tysons proposal being fulfilled.

You must be extremely careful in your communications with Sir Thos. Meade & Mess<sup>rs</sup> Donnistons not to write any thing that could be construed into a treaty, as you may very inadvertently



get entangled with both parties.

I think it would be most prudent at present not to write to Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Demistons, to delay it till you had come to some conclusion with Lord Romney, & in concluding with him (if you preferred Mr. Tyson's proposal) you might make it conditional, namely, that you could not ultimately close with him (L<sup>td</sup>. R.) until you had received the ultimate determination of another party, with whom you were in treaty, & then write to Demistons requiring their final answer whether they would enter into an immediate security without waiting to hear from St. Kitts, as in the event of their declining you had other objects in view with respect to the property. —

This course is candid to all parties, & there seems no objection to let Sir Tho<sup>s</sup>. Mearns know, if he does not already, which I think Mr. Hall told him, that you are in treaty with Mr. Tyson, & it appears desirable in the way I have above suggested



in order to avoid getting into any misunderstanding  
with him in the event of your agreeing with  
Dennitsons - If you treat with both at the  
same time I fear you may get entangled with both.

I have been much engaged this morning and  
I fear I may not have written you so fully as you  
might wish, but a great part of the consideration  
is, as to the prudence of choosing between the two  
offers, that, with Mr. Hall's assistance from the  
information he acquired in Town you will be able  
to judge of. - and the only thing in  
which it appears to me I can be of service is  
in endeavoring to keep you clear from any  
constructive agreement with either party which  
would lead to much trouble.

I am Dear Sir

Your very faithful servant

John Hopson Esq

City March 21<sup>st</sup> 1719



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same tropic for her legs  
forbes - direction for  
Dunmiskerry Cottages  
The House, April 21. 1819