

Dear Sir George

My two former letters have already given you my opinion of Harvey's proposal. His epistle at large, which you have inclos'd me, and which I have just received, is ~~an~~ ^{an insolent} a selfish, and an invidious one. Let me beg you will listen to none from him. His reasons, I think, I can now fully explain. To write in the Jeckby style, he wishes to have the Whip hand of you in the Business, and to obtain an advantage over you, let the question in the House of Commons be decided as it may. If the Slave trade is abolished, he will out run the Push of mounting your Estate - If not, I am convinced, he will accede to your terms - And in
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case it should be abolished, Slaves must rise
to double their present value; and by procras-
tinating the Reappraisement for another Year,
he would reap an advantage over you of
some thousand pounds. This is plainly what
the mean, and artful Scoundrel is driving at.
Therefore, consider the interest of your family;
and reject every proposal he may make you,
but simply venting the Estate, on the terms
you have offered it for. Give him a fixed, &
positive answer — That if he does not chuse
to continue the lease, ~~that~~ it is your intention
to be on a footing with other proprietors, and
to take it into your own hands — Matters
must ^{therefore be} finally ~~be~~ adjusted between you, on the
immediate expiration of the lease, and that
you have written to your Attornies to this
purpose.

port - and further to draw upon you for
the amount of the sum you may fall in
debt to him" - which, if it should be incon-
venient to you to pay from your own funds,
I will find you the money.

Be not apprehensive of consequences - I am
convinced you will afterwards make your
own terms. - But at any rate, I think
the Estate, even in your own hands, can
never net so little as £1700 p annum.

At your command will ever be the humble
advice, and services of,

Your friend, & friend, J. H.
Walter Nisbet.

Cum gratia, June 12th: 1789.