

Saturday 1/2 past 12.

My dear Scaffron

I was really very sorry to find you had paid me a visit & not found me at home. Ann tells me she offered to send for me, & I wish you had permitted her to do so, for as there were 4 Magistrates in attendance on that day, I could have ^{been} easily spared - I went to the Sessions yesterday with Mr. Keene & returned at night about Eleven. There was no business of any material importance. The Bench numerous, & your friend Hicks in the Chair, who acquitted himself thro' out very well. This morning I fully intended being with you. but the weather threatened so much from 10 to 12 that I have been kept in alarm, till now it is too late to set off - I should not have minded a little rain, but I ~~was~~ really fearful of being wet as I have at this time such a sore throat that I can scarcely swallow. & my Brother being expected to dinner let the weather be what it may, I must have returned. besides which you specified 12 o'clock as if you had some other engagement on your hand. - However I trust my appearance on

Monday will be time enough for every dispatch if you have already made up your mind to the general import of them - As I went to Cambridge yesterday, I took my Letters on the road - among them one from Sir Tho. Neave, which to save Postage I will copy, & bring the original with me on Monday - I will copy the letter first & then observe upon it. If you will by the time we meet, (which I fix to be about 12 on Monday) get your thoughts upon it put on paper, we can easily reply, ^{for} Tho' he is from home, no doubt his Letters will be directed to him wherever he is - Dear Sir

The proposal I had to make on the part of Lord Romney leaves according to my calculation only £1500 difference between Gen^l Scappon & his Lordship - as there will it is supposed be about £1500 to be paid for the buildings by the General - The sum was £12,000 for the purchase; £4000 to be paid down, & £8,000 on Mortgage - I conceive an arrangement between the parties of so much mutual consequence that I feel extremely anxious to come to some formal settlement, & if I could contribute to the arrangement it would afford me real satisfaction - Should General Scappon upon consideration acquiesce in the proposition I think I have authority to close the business - I have the honor to remain Dear Sir Y^r Obedt^l

T. N.

April 22. 1819 -

The first thing I have to observe upon this is, that it is by no means clear from Peshwards Letter that you would have these buildings to pay for at all - it may be determined otherwise by Law, or by Arbitration - if you have only £13,500 is the sum now offered - If you have, your situation should

you determine to let the Estate to any man but Lord Romney, becomes very
unpleasant indeed. for you will have this sum to pay, which you cannot expect
any other tenant to advance or be answerable for. If you consider the offer of
£12,000 - it is certainly not enough - for the Mortgage Interest will yield you only
an Income equal to the present rent you receive, & the £4000 paid down will
be only the same as was recd. for by your Father for a Lease of 30 years & in fact
you sell the Estate for the present sum it has been heretofore let at. Tho' the
Circumstances of that has lately occur'd of your taking the Crop has served to
give you a better estimate, or rather I should say demonstration of its Value
than you had before - I think this should form the substance of your reply
to Sr Tho' Mearns, & ~~that~~ induce you to contend for the £15000, taking things
as they stand - Respecting Tyson, they are certainly jealous of him - but at the
same time I warn you not to depend upon him - he can never give the
Security Dennis's town's require - otherwise he would not have written such
a Letter as Widdowson shew'd me - Widdowson said the Estate was worth £2000
a year to the Occupier - this Sr Romney must know - & contiguous as it is
to his own it is no more ^{expensive} to him to cultivate, than the farmer taking
the 10th when he is loading the other nine Sheaves - Nevertheless I think
as you are, without inclination to occupy - or Money to carry on the occupation
it would certainly be on every account the best thing you could do to part with
it, & you must expect to make perhaps rather a losing ~~Business~~ Contract, for which
you ought not to care, provided the loss is not too much - While Sr Romney
thought he had no Competitor, you must observe he was silent, & when you
referred him to 10000, offer'd no more - the name of Tyson has certainly alarm'd
him, & he is more in your power than he was before - Use this power to your
advantage by all means, but be not anxious to press it too far - Agree with him
if possible - I throw out these hints for your consideration till we meet - I will
come with old yeoman Jones on his way to the Meeting on Monday

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L I - with you as I said before - about 12. - I as you seldom attend the Races, (while
the Ladies do) you & I may find time to dispose of every thing before us, in
I am obliged to return - I should have sent you Neave's Letter from Cambridge
had I not remembered that you did not send to that Office ^{to be} Sunday - I shall
now get on my Horse which has been saddled ever since 11 of lock & carry this
to the Post - by the way there was a bad fire at Leaton yesterday - which had
well nigh burnt half the Town - it was on fire in 2 places at once - But only Claydon
buildings in the Town and were consumed - Adieu Y^r truly J. H.

LETTER

Major General Scafey
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near
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April 26th

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