

Cambridge 22 Aug 1841

Dear Sir,

I feel much obliged by your offer to endeavor to find a purchaser for the Windfells - Mr Smith at present demands £750 - for giving up 2 years and 3 or 4 months I cannot exactly say what I would ask - but I think not any thing less than 29 ^{sheep} ~~sheep~~ ^{per} ~~per~~ ^{acre} ~~acre~~ ~~and~~ ~~what~~ ~~he~~ ~~may~~ ~~supposing~~ ~~he~~ ~~continues~~ ~~to~~ ~~hold~~ ~~his~~ ~~lease~~ - or beyond what he may require for giving it up - The very large sum what he demands for giving it up shows its value - and I truly declare that if I could avoid it I would not sell that land for £3 per acre - but must either borrow £2000 - or sell - having borrowed

in the whole of my land I cannot borrow
the 2000 on a first mortgage - so nobody
will lend it to me - and I must borrow
£4000 to pay off that first £2000 - a
sum too large for the present times.
If I could get £4000 - on the security
of Hambroge - I would give almost
any interest for the first year and
10 per cent afterwards - Mr. Mealy
at present supports me and has
said that he will discount my
bills whatever for me before any
one else - this is the only advantage
I have gained by having a good
name - which seems to have no
effect in borrowing - a rogue can
get in debt without having a farthing
security - ~~which~~ I cannot borrow
on undoubted security - having the
reputation of honestly and being

worth 15 or 16000 beyond my debts

I believe I have before then told you
the cause of my embarrassment - I
borrowed ^{abt} £4000 to give my sons at
Port Philip - only last year they refused
me they could bring up between their
sum and £3000 - instead of which
they brought up nothing - worse than
nothing for I have had very large sums
to pay for them -

I am your Obedt
J Wood

In Love &c

W. Wood

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