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Thine of ye 17th of 1th mo: 86 I have rotow in answer to ours. but it answers
not my intent in writing I desire to know whedor the rent of the house must be
paid to us for interest of our money or no. to wh thou gives no answer: but tells of 60 that J. H.
had rotow of thine. thats nothing to us we mean; has any. now I mean, art thou any more
I see J. H. but onto since thou went O it was at a quarterly meeting and I mean spoke to
him about the money: its like he knew what to do with ye 60: besides us: thou doubts I have
disobeyed J. H. in calling so sore upon him. also thou stranges that we have not a good
part of our money before now ~~thou~~: I strange how thou can expect it or think so: thou
has heard it seems from J. H. O I strange that he should not give thee an account
whedor the house was sold or not O if it were not: how should thou think that we
mention it: and betange we mention it thou breaks out into very hy expressions and
say if thou had sued so more as thou has done O if those had not been so great a gulfe
betwixt us we should not a been tendays without it: thou might well aspect thy
shall have over stoke on interest: I have heard of being angry and pay: but I never yett
knew any man before give such ratiion as this: altho it does not. O not avoid when the
moneys must be paid: thus as thou paying as for it by agreement made with us would not have
as saved it amere lustity: we made no agreement with thee when thou went we expected
the money would a been paid shortly: while thou was here thou paid but 5. pence but then
thou paid it. and if we had been minded to have had im ye stoke we might in a short
time: but now the page is altered. if we have ratiion for the money we know not when
we could have it: nor we have not the interest neither O it is 4 years: if we had had the
interest paid duly after 5. pence it would have amount 2l: and if any body else had had
the money but thee the have paid after 6 pence which would a been 3-4s: this 3-4s
from 2l is 4-8 which we could have had with loss ado till we have with thee
and if thou will not rotken this 4-8: a tusility pay it. it will do som other a tusility. I
do not say that it is amere tusility: if thou pay anything it is som tongideration: but
yett if thou have it as thou has and pay as thou intends it is a tusility: seth a one
to us and not for profit to thy self. and that it is more till over that rotow from
us or any in those parts: and that thou need not to have paid interest for [illegible] thou
pay the money as that must do for ever: I tomet see in all this where the kindness
Lies: except thou thinks the loader was to dere: and if it were I know nothing of it
but thou made one half of the bargin: and I rather think it was not out of
mere kindness to us that thou gave to dere. for there was no ratiion for that: but
the loader might not be so good as thou took upon it to have been: and it had
been wisdom for to have looke to have a good penny worth then if thou had not
when thou bought it till tomplaind 7 years after when it is to be paid for: and for gi
ving interest thou was willing why should thou not where lord thou have had leave
and not thee aspard the money nor interest so long as thou has had ours: then sayest
that thy word has been any thing as good as our money and thou hopes will be while
thou lives: thou mises it in this: body money is better to any name robed: but it seems ye
has good thoughts of thy own fatherhe nowes I do not say but thy word has been
of word it we have taken it and never questioned it thou need not tell us what thy
word has been: but when thou went to [illegible] 80. of ours we had no oder security
but thy house and that but of an ordination neither: this house I doubt will not pay
the money as it is now by 4 I wish it take more for thy sake: now if thou had died
or had not tom sated to that tenter as you were in some danger: I do not see but we
had lost considerably: and yett we have no tortinty of thy life if thou dye before
the money be paid: I look on tortinity is but weak tho I do not allto gether question but
we shall get our money: but tortin tortinity is better: these things tongidered I say I rather
to thee that I would not lett as much money go upon such tortinty for ten present if
am in the same mind still. upon this thou calls me as I heard an extorginate: wh
is a mere slander and very ill. betaning thee I not of how penny of thy money: O
in this letter thou calls me a young [illegible]: that thinks ten pounds too little on
a mere adum under thy hand: do so it make me a lyer if I will not lett mons
go except I like the tortinity: nay I have heard thee argue that reasonable interest
is no usury. I never took unreasonable and it then stand to thy argument what has
thou told: in telling me a lyer and an extorginer: if we can get neither stock =
nor interest nor faire words rest may not speake of it = nor good tortinity
it: but hard

Now as to that expression of J thing of a pieu fete the I would not do not like nor intre
ore him as any such: but acquaint him before: and J before he has not yet it must
but if thou would have informed us of it thou should have told the ocasion of it
the whole mater and all the merits that belongt to it and then we could have told
before here to have informed him: J am informed truly J think the ocasion
of it was: the sea man of that ship that John went in had yet som distay all sea
tossering sen of the passingers which upon ocasion was mentioned all land
by those that heard it: the party tossered not liking the distay and thou minded
to quench it goes to the seaman the deny any such distay thou seems to
before the seaman before those that are of more credit: John before thy freids
not to any that would make the mater worse upon thy acount: says he that will
before seaman when the ton to land what the did at sea desires a pite
totte: this as J heare is the whole mater: now both John and thee had found the sea
man very faty: which makes me rather think that John looks upon thee to be
too wise a man to believe the sa man and if thou did not thou has nothing to doo
with the pick tote: and if thou did believe the seaman before those that heard
them thou was never the wiser man for that: for if sa man must be believe thou
as but an ill man: J have heard the seaman of the ship thou went in give
thee the worst report that could be all most: in some respects but J did not believe
them altogether: however it was upon the quirk on one side J remember the proverb:
it gauls thee so that thou pases the bonds of reason when thou says thou was fitt
for nothing but to be his fool: did he say so and did he name thee or did he use
that word once but once and that 3 years sinse and yett thou has it over, over,
3 or 4 time: may thou falls upon us and all the generation of him what have we
or the generation of him to do with it: there is of the generation of him as wise
as thee for all thy hy tossing it: wele seton pedigrees if thou please
there are many things in thy Letter that seem for nothing but to show what frame
of spirit thou was in when thou writ it: which J shall not tosser my selfe to
to answer all this distemper: yett there is one thing that J cannot wed but
mention: and that is: where thou spake of the old black spirit of envy that
walk: in some here J know well what thou hints at but the busnes was al-
most 20 years sinse if not more and the partys chiefly tossered down and
the mater very forran from any thing thou has to write about what made
thee to speake of this: (least thou was minded to make a reflection upon the
the dead before the were of our generation: yett do not hirely grant that
any of our generation had the spirit of envy in them: but if any have had it
it as like to be thee as another: and that it was never tast out or else the
it is secured gaine: for what but the spirit of envy led thee to out of
thy way to fetch in this: it lay not in thy way but is a mater forran from
any thing we have to do with: it smells rank of the spirit of envy: there
are ever things appeirs one expression in thy Letter which are neither pertinent
to the mater nor wise nay J may say manodist: and if such words had escapt
from any of us it would above ill resented: however J care not words sith J
tom have any thing if it be for the best: and J have answered but som part of
thy Letter and that as midly as the mater would permit J have left the very most
manyest: because J found rather hard till speak too much for was never tossered
in such maters before as to write such large letters and then out the large now: but
rather put an end to it.

J have but newly received thy Letter and did not expect any from
thee because J had received one before: J had intended to have
proposed away to have had better security from thee in case thou
should dy before the money bee paid: but Lest thou should think
J did it in an anger or was moved with thy Letter: J intend to
stay another year: for J am not moved in the Lest so as to do
or say any thing: but what there is reason for not so much
to bear for quietnes sake: but J must need say something: Lest thou
thought thine was so wise a peere that nothing told be said to it:
wee have never had any thing yett nor J never spoke to J. H. about
it nor J never heard any thing as from him: J told thee so before: but
thou will sure believe nothing but what thou likes: in that if reflects
upon J. H. as well as upon me: thou might as well say that thou thought
J wrote lys to thee: and if he would be so disabligt for me speaking to
him about abusnes that he is tossered in it would render him a very
hy man: but J ton tell thee of divers that have taken som paine in
talking upon him: and it has not so disobligt him that he would not
pay them but the are pay: so that if J might it it was with being too
slow in talking for it: however if before the next opertunity of seeing
thider we have ackes the money or such satisfaction as that we accept
that it is fair its well: if not J have a matter how to propose now
security for thee to give: so hoping that all things will bee well
in the end: and all along to end: if we have but Love and charity in
our hearts one to another: which J pray god to increase: wherein rests

thy freind Ra Brook

Constant Good desires to have her Love remembered to thee she desires to
hear from thee how or when thou intends her her money she thinks
not to ton thider to take Law for it she says:

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