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Loving friend P.P. I need not Inform thee that thy father =
= in law James Harrison owed my mother 80. when hee left
this Countrey and if John Haydock offered abill to pay it when
the house in Boulton was sold &c. but I question whether thou
know how the busines has been managed it may not be im-
proper therefore to let thee understand that for severall years I
never see John H. nor heard from him: yet I inquired sometimes
of his brother's wife and Henry whether the house was sold or not but
after I had received a letter from thy father in law (of which hee
after I wrote to John severall times yott could gett no answer
then I went to his house hee looked strangely I thought and could not
that I might look after the house my selfe for hee would not be
my servant and in plaine termes hee thought not to trouble
himselfe with it any more: I told him hee was obliged to it: hee
said no: so that we differed in our judgments: the next day was
there a meeting and hee was to be there I told him that I would
go with him and propose the differences that depended betwixt us
to a meeting: and did so: the meeting looked upon it if I had had
hard dealing: but referred the matter to some friends that were charged
for that service: but observed that a little before this there
had happened a ryott about straying for the rent of a house
which had cost John Haydock adde of monyes; we were
as appointed and the friends that were to decide the busines
gave me faire words and blamed John sore for neglecting
to discharge the trust that was reposed in him and would have
him sell the house with all speed and make a just account of what
he had received and disbursed since hee had it in possession: but
with all that hee should reimburse himselfe of what hee had laid
out about a ryott out of a monyes hee should the house for: I told
them no there was nobody had any thing to do to make good his loss
upon that account (and I do still affirm it) so I was forced to appear
to there quarterly meeting: which would not have of a charge
of a ryott being taken out of a house paid: so when I was quit of
that John and I quickly agreed that hee should sell a house with
all convenient speed and give us what it took and six pound
make any account about it) and that I should apply my selfe to
James Harrison's Exors for what it fell short of stock and
interest this was concluded before severall friends and they desired
him to write with me: and said that if they knew whom
wrote they would write with me: I heard no more of it of
me no better satisfaction I did intend to complain of him
a gain to there quarterly meeting: hee took no notice nor
never give me answer

So I took a copy of the letter I sent him and went the way Coulton
where I stayed all night and made some inquiry how he had man-
aged the house and found that he had been at Coulton but twice
since James went away: and that he had other business and on both
times but he left it for John Syson to manage: that meeting
ordered him to pay me 60: within a half year and to sell the house
within that time and if it took more than 60: to pay it to me: this
was the first and all if orders it was made about it: I did think it to be
fallable: but I said not much of it: for I would gladly have any end of it
howsoever when his brother Roger heard what order was made he was
not pleased with it but said if the would have pitched upon some thing
should have ordered him to have paid 80: and proposed me that if I
would give a discharge from the bill he would give me 20 more: now
because the house was not sold and I know not but it might take
80: I did not accept it then. Now I say if they had made an order that
John should have made an account of what he had received for rent and
paid it to me and to sell the house with all the furniture and good and
what he sold it for to pay to me: this had been the justest order I
could have been made when the 6: mo: drew near an end I received
a line or two from John: which was all I ever had from him though
I have often desired it to save me sorrows that if I would come to meet
him at their meeting he would pay the 60: I went and offered
a formal discharge from the bill of 60: upon a receipt of 60: I asked
if he had sold the house he said no nor told him of any charge
then I told him I would give him no discharge now was I to do it by
order I would give him a receipt for 60: on the account of the bill if
order was not there but we were forced to go almost to Amsterd to a
friend's house if had it in keeping: we found it he was positively ordered
to sell the house within 6: mo: and there was but five or six days left of
the time and he knew of no Chapman for he had never mentioned him
self about it: so I told him and those friends it was with him that it
was not probable that he could sell the house in 6: mo: to any advan-
tish: but if he would give me 60: I would give him a receipt as before
and if I would take no advantage of him for not selling it according to
the order provided he would sell it to the best advantage within any
reasonable time: but no person would prevail neither with him
nor those who were with him but he must and would sell it within
five or six days to fulfill the order: I told him and then if he sold
it in 6: mo: I would give him no discharge notwithstanding the order
for he would be almost as much to blame for selling it in 6: mo:
as he was for keeping it unsold so long: he paid me 60: I gave
him a receipt for it: and he did sell the house within 15 days but for
how much I cannot tell: but thus he has managed the business and
this 60: is all that I have had from him: but since his brother Roger
proposed me 20: as before he pretended to give it upon James's
account and for his credit out of I know he had for him as being an
just payment in his commission: I gave him a discharge: but
he promised me if he would write to thee how it nothing was
done by it but to take away the will's power for suing

and if thy father-in-law when he dyed left wherewith to do it he
looked upon it that in reason and justice thou ought to pay it interest
but with all he told me if he believed thy father-in-law did leave him
or nothing when he dyed and if there were our writing would not be so
satisfactory: but he is since dead and whosoever he did order write about it
I cannot tell, but dear coz Thomas Janney of whose death you may
expect an account told me James Harrison did leave considerably both
him when he dyed and I gave dear coz an account as full as
this and he told me that he did not doubt but if it pleased god
he ever see thee and informed thee how things were but thou would
pay if interest which runs to 40: at last at present: that James did
intend to pay interest will appear by inserting what he writes in a letter
dated 17 of 4: mo: 1686: thus: As for this of your monies I paid you for
it while I was there and I was in hopes I might part of it to wit: I might
have been paid. I intend to write to Mr. Haydock who has given me account
of about 60: he had received of mine and he told me if he would pay it up-
on interest as soon as monies come to his hand: so I intend you your monies
and if there had not been so great a gulfe between us you should not a-
been ten days without it if I had lived so near you as I have done: so
friends I paying you for it by a goodment made with you I would not
have you return it another facility you know if I needed not to be paid
interest for leaders from 6: mo: I bought it till I paid I monies no not
for I lost in your country as I shall do for yours: you know I did it in kind
ness to you and not for profit or to add it to my self: which was more than
ever I received from you or any in those parts: as for you advancing the
interest you shall not find I will pay in your monies rather: and as for your
solvency the writing is but little but by those I acknowledge I do
but what may be paid before these come to hand: If you had not
been willing I monies should as good as it did until mine come in I should
open you of: I did nothing hiddenly from you nor without your consent
and knowledge: and Ralph thou is a young fellow I think ten pounds too
little on a Memorandum under my hand my word has been any time
as good as your monies if ever it passed from me and I hope will be as
long as I live, this shows I James did not look upon himself as discharged
from 6: mo: by Mr. Haydock accepting the bill for the rent of 6: mo: I do
as well as if he both did while he paid interest and was to do it still
by a goodment made with us; as to 6: mo: he speaks of I believe he
had a piece I think it run to about 14: pound if thou thinks it too
dear as I propose by dear coz: I: it was though too dear: stop what
thou thinks fit it was worth something: James bill bears date the
21: of 6: mo: 1682: I received 60: from John Haydock 17: of the
1: mo: 1692: and 20: from Roger 6: of 4: mo: 1695
so if thou please to return what I interest will run
to at present it will be 40: at last I confess I
have no power to sue for it and if I had I would
not for all that I have not returned it yet I have
sent thee a receipt in full for it: not doubting but
thou will pay it to brother John there who
I doubt has need of it:

I shall charge no bill upon thee. but write to my brother that I
have written thus to thee and expect thou wilt pay it as well as if I had
taken any other torgo. which pay fails not to do that there may be
an end of the busnes. I thought it proper for Cor Will. Burt to send a
receipt he being Mothers Administrator. If thou desire any other discharg-
let me know what thou desire and thou shalt have it tho it is need-
les, Now if thou desire any further account in any particulars and request it
from me I give thee I best from but by these thou may understand
it was almost ten years before I had any monies: and I had a tedious
life before I got any. I am glad content if I paid about 400
miles about it: and much of it belongs John. H. would never answer
any letter: his losses about it right thou just upon him is considerable
I believe: but what losses at thou me or thine or any body has by that
house he is the occasion of it all: he can never wash his hands from
it as long as he lives, for his brother Roger told me I should have
given so: for it soon after James went away: which things I have told
at several meetings to hear James from any blame or not loading
to pay his debts with: and to lay if blame upon J. H. for not discharging
his trust the John would rather any body had been blamed than himself
I have said enough I think to let thee know how the busnes has been
managed: and if I have no more but so: and when and after what
manner I had it: as well as that thy father-in-law did intend and was to
pay interest for it: It is the judgment of what friends I have acquainted
with it as well as mine that if thy father-in-law left whosoever to
do it thou ought to pay it interest. Dear Cor. the Janney told me he
did love to pay it with and did not doubt but thou would pay it
I have here inclosed a receipt in full for it: and desire thee to pay it
to my brother John: thus loading it to thy consideration to
do as what thou finds in justice and good conscience thou ought,
with Dear Love to thee thy wife and all thine, from this
this letter and our thy friend to serve thee
in any thing I lyer in my way

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