

W. M. Spencer

Mar. 23rd 1813

Sir

I received your note, without a seal to it, and in reply to it - I can assure you that it is totally out of my power at present to take up the note of mine, which you have placed in the Hands of Mess^{rs}. Courts - and did you but know my present situation I do not think that you would have made the application - you certainly have it in your power to pursue legal steps - and I am well aware of the consequences - but, Sir, I beg to impress on your recollection the promise of the late Mrs Kirkpatrick - which was that she considered the acts of kindness that I had rendered to her parents, and am still doing - more than adequate to the £240 - and if you retain any doubt of my assertion - I beg leave to refer you to her Brother - who is now in Town - and he was present this morning, at the conversation which passed - between his nephew W^m Antle - and myself - who of course knew the purport of your note - I observed to him my great surprise, on the very early application for

the Money - which his Aunt had been so kind as to induce
you to advance - and observed that it was totally out of
my power to pay the Money - by any other means but
that of calling on the late Mrs Kirkpatrick's Parents
for three years and upwards - of arrears for the rent
of a House and two fields - which would exceed £100 -
and it was my intention for them to retain that
Property for their separate lives - rent free - but if I
am to pay the £240 - I have no objection to set the one
against the other - and let W^m Anble receive the arrears and
rent from his Grandfather - till that sum is paid off -
so that it remains with yourself - to decide, whether
the Parents of the late Mrs Kirkpatrick - or her husband
stand most in need of your bounty -

I have the Honor to remain

Sir

your most obedient Servant
W. M. Spencer

To
Gen. Bude

March 23rd

P.S. A Letter addressed to me at No. 9. Southolham Street
will be forwarded -