

St Mark Wood to G. Kebleton

A.A. No. 330.

21000-1

Gatton Park

October 18th 1813

Private

My dear Sir

If you can without much
trouble or inconvenience, discover, through
what Channel of information the young
Man whom you mentioned to me, (I
think of the Name of Greaves) heard
that I had in Contemplation to dispose
of Gatton, I will be much obliged to
you - as I wish to trace to its Source
the Channel of so unfounded and Malicious
a Report - you will further oblige
me, should you ever accidentally hear
any such Report - to give us the most
decided Contradiction - and to add - that
you learnt from me, that I had put
it out of my own power ever to part-
with Gatton - that Estate being
strictly entailed upon my Son - &
heir of him my Daughter

Sn M

I think it not improbable, but that
the Rumour may have arisen - from
a late transaction - betwixt Sir John
Nicholl and myself - which about Six
weeks ago - was settled by the intervention
of the Speaker -

About 12 years ago I purchased from
the Crown - the whole of the late
Paul Bonfield's interest in the Bannocks
of Shaftsbury, which cost me upwards
of 75 thousand Pounds, but having
had a great deal of trouble in the
Management of this Property - and
Gatton being sufficient to gratify
every Political View - about five years
ago I entered into an Agreement with Sir
John Nicholl, and Sir John Nepean -
Mr Robert Peter Dymley, to Sell them
the Same Estate for 50 thousand Pounds
Some Months after Sir John Nepean
of Mr Barquai - and applied to me

St Mark Hood to Col. Kebleton

A.A. No. 330.

to let him off - his Nephew at the same time
apprising me on the part of Sir John, that
it would make no difference in point
either of payment of Money, nor Security
and altho I had lived long enough in
the world, to have known a great deal
better, yet I was Fool enough to let
him off - tore the Contract - and accepted
of a New one, with the Name of Sir
John's Nephew alone -

21001

I put the Nephew in possession of
my Estate - but Year after Year went
on - and No Money was forth coming;
even the Common interest Remained unpaid

To my Applications to Sir John - He
turned a deaf ear - and finding by fair
Means impossible to compel him to
behave like a Man of Honor; I at
last threatened to publish the whole
of the transaction and Correspondence
and to distribute them amongst the
Members of both Houses of Parliament

This brings matters to a Crisis -
Through Sir William Scott - the Speaker
accepted of the Reference - and very
judiciously an Lawyer like gave
it against me - but at the same time
recommended to Sir John Nichol - to
advance 10 Thousand Pounds - which
Sir John offered to do; but which I
have declined accepting of -

If therefore you should ever by
Chance hear this business mentioned
You have my Authority - and I
intreat of you as my friend - to give
my Statement of it -

The Burrough of Shaftsbury
I now consider as clear and certain
a Burrough - as any in England -

At least ~~three~~ fourths of the Property
belongs to Mr Robert Dymaley
and exclusive of the Burrough interest
will pay a Man at least 4000

for his Money. I was consulted in the
 Nomination of Wellesell and Merrison -
 and of course highly approved of them
 from their Political Principles and
 unless my Money be paid, I think it
 is but fair - that I should have
 a Vote in the business. 21002

It would however be much
 more desirable to me to have my
 Money. Robert Dymaley told me
 a few days ago - that he was
 treating with a party for the Sale
 and that the price was 55 thousand
 Pounds. I know not who the
 party is, nor whether friend or foe
 but I think if youry Greaves's
 Father can command the property
 he says - the sooner he
 applies to Mr John Dymaley
 (brother to Robert Dymaley) of

Grays Inn, the better - as I should be
 extremely sorry, that the Philistines
 should get hold of Shaftsbury

Enclosure of Mr Greaves, should
 you hear of any of our Friends, who
 may be desirous of purchasing a
 property of this sort, I will be much
 obliged by your mentioning it -

I will give them a line to Mr
 Synley. I beg of you to excuse
 this trouble and to believe me
 with great regard My dear Sir
 Very Sincerely Yours

M. Wood

By Mr Lister

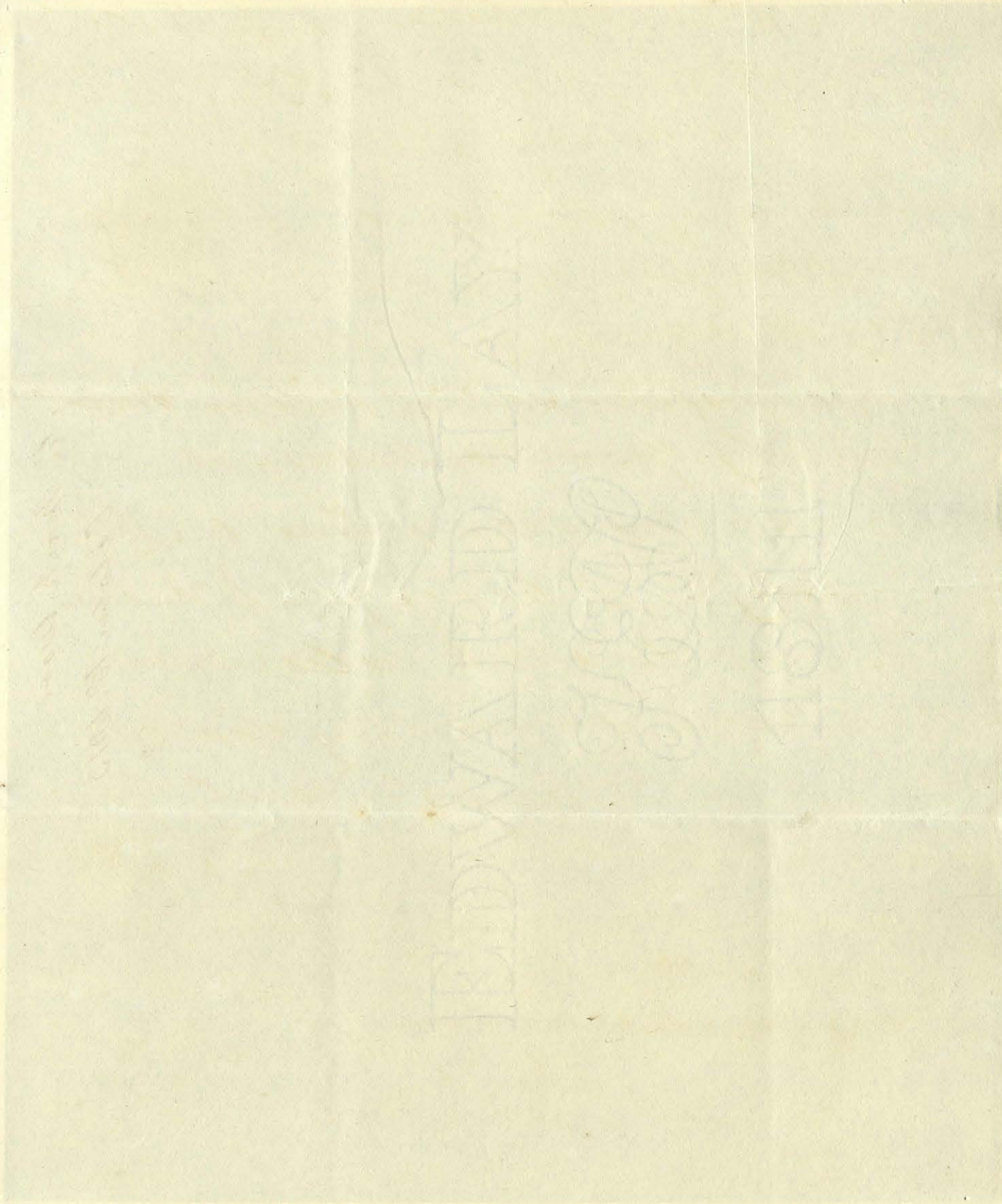
John Mearns

He H

21002

AA.

[Faint handwritten text on the left edge of the page, including words like 'the', 'ies', 'eb', 'me', 'ms', '10', '1/2', '1/3']



BIDWATERDILLAX

[Faint handwritten text in the center of the paper insert]

[Faint handwritten text on the right side of the paper insert]

Mr Mark Wood

October 10. 1813.