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St. James's.
Feb. 25th 1804.

Dear Hawker,

I am to acknowledge yours of
 21st and recollect all your remarks from May
 month which unfortunately have proved but
 too true: this is enough upon so unpleasant a
 subject.

I hope shortly you will be with us and I shall be
 happy to show you the farm and improvements
 since last year: the rain has not injured any sheep
 for I am now only lambing down: I think you will
 be pleased with what you will see.

As for the Titmice, I have a large and fine pair

a very useful command: in my opinion the present
 Government can or will get rid of the Volunteer
 Force the better: if we are to carry on war against
 France we must have a regular army which can
 only be effected by raising the men for a period
 of years and by ballot.

I will not detain you any longer at present as I
 hope shortly to see you: Mr. Jordan and the child-
 ren with insincere wishes for your health and
 welfare: they are all well: ever believe me,

Dear Sir,

Yours unalterably

J. Pitt

