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I have your favour of the 16th., wherein you seem dissatisfied with what I wrote about the Beagles, and say I best know why I mentioned your tenants's Corn as you said nothing of that in your Letter, which is very true; but it is as true, that in conversation formerly upon that Subject, the damage they sustained was one part of the complaint, and I am persuaded was now principally the ground of the representations you have had from the Country against the Beagles, which were in their Dam's belly in August last, and therefore could not in Spring (unless they are such as I never saw) contribute to the destruction of your Game equally with a full grown Curr; however that be, if the orders I sent to Newborough be observed, as it was promised they should, and which I will repeat, I should imagine your Game may be very safe from them, and I hope may give you satisfaction: sure I am that was what I meant, and I am sorry it was understood otherwise.

Of the two Mortgages upon Bretherton, I apprehend the first was given to Trustees (one of whom was I think the Late Brigadier Lowring) for the use of the present L^d. Ashburnham, and to answer 4500 lb. due to him for money which his Father had some way or other got into his hands; the second was given to the Late Mr. Brian Fairfax to secure him against the mispayment he had been guilty of, and is no doubt in the hands of his Executors. There lately fell into mine two papers, viz., a Copy of Lady Ashburnham's Deed of Trust in 1717, and something that is called L^d. Ashburnham's Case, which seems to have been drawn under apprehension that the Late L^d. Derby might lay claim to Bretherton;

be that as it may, I think it will give You some light as to my demand and have therefore sent it with the abovenamed Copy to Mr. Davison, who no doubt will lay them before You, if they will be of any service in this affair. — As the present Lo. Ashburnham is of Age, it may be presumed the first Mortgage is assigned over to Him, in which case I suppose He must be made a Party, if I am forced to fyle a Bill. —

The loss of Mr. Browne made me think it expedient to have Mr. Lazakerley to consult with You about the Method of proceeding in the Causes relating to the Island, as He has been long conversant in the practise of the Court of Chancery, and I wish also I could have had him at the Barr to supply Mr. Brownes place, for which I hope You will think of Somebody in due time, before the Causes come to be argued.

All here desire their compliments, and are glad to have heard from some that saw You lately, that You are in full health and spirits.

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