

Helvedon 20/6/68

My dear Francis

We were happy to hear of
 thy safe arrival at Sydney &
 had been anxiously expecting to
 hear from thee. It was only on
 the 19th we received it. I suppose
 thou hadst heard through A. Leaden
 that the place was not sold as well
 as through J. B. Mather, & now
 it is advertised to let either as a
 whole or in 3 Lots Stone House
 Pousenby Dale & Long Marsh - as
 yet I have had no application
 or tender for any part. I have
 been obliged to put a man in
 charge who receives 25^s. per week
 S. Lovell hired him & I think
 it too much but must leave it
 so until the 25th Inst when all tenders
 are to be sent in - if this plan
 of letting does not answer
 thy plan of advertising in
 Sydney & Adelaide papers for sale
 at 30^s. per Acre might be tried
 it seems to me a good one

if something must be done
we shall not be able to trace
our way - if the Estate is long
without a Tenant, Burbury
has been running down the
Place Mr Lovell says he heard
that Burbury being asked its
value said 12/- if no bid was
made for it at the sale, there
were several at it, Brock, Staunfield
& Page but I think it must have
been Burbureys hunts that kept them
from bidding

As it is late I must write no
more - I am pleased to hear of our
dear friends in Sydney & trust
that thy visit may be refreshing
to their souls. I often think of
them all, we shall with desires
for their spiritual welfare they all
are dear & dear to my remembrance
trusting thou mayest be favoured
soon to sit at thy own fireside

I remain thy sincere friend
George F. Story