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Cerru Abbas  
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To General Pitt Rivers  
Honoured Sir

I trust you will pardon me  
the liberty of sending this letter  
but I beg to inform you that I am  
a Tenant of one of your houses  
in this Parish and unfortunately  
have been compelled through bad  
trade here and ill health to allow  
my rent to get in arrears. I think  
I owe about £11-0-0 Mr Cruick  
will hold the Rent Audit here on  
Monday next and I fear shall not  
be able to pay but a small sum of  
the amount.

I humbly crave you will  
kindly write Mr Cruick and ask  
him to allow the debt to stand

over for a little time as I will  
do my best to pay off the sum  
as soon as possible.

Am very sorry of being under  
the necessity of causing you  
trouble, but the reason of my  
writing is, Mr Crech wrote and  
informed me unless the rent  
were paid on Monday he should  
distrain on my goods.

I have no doubt that you  
remember me I live in one  
of those old houses opposite the  
church, am the Parish Clerk here,  
you called on me on two occasions  
and had some old tessellated  
pavement &c. I have some very

nice pieces now that I have  
saved purposely for you, may  
I send them or leave until  
you call

Again I humbly ask that you  
will intercede for me that my  
things may not be sold or be  
compelled to leave the old house  
having lived in it between thirty  
and forty years

I am  
Honoured Sir  
Your most obedt. Servant  
Robert Childs