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BERWICK ST. JOHN,
SALISBURY.

Dec. 14th 1800.

Dear Papa.

I make no
final appeal to you
to know if you intend
to fulfil yr. distinct
promise made to
help me with gifts
of money beyond the
£200 a year settled on
me - You said some time
the other day, that you

in which you refer to;
& reminding me that
"at yr. death these
presents would of course
cease?" & which promise
made you have ~~been~~
given me no reason to
suppose that ~~through~~ my
conduct to you, or otherwise
you consider yr. self justified
in breaking. & you cannot
blame us if we are
unable to force Sir Thomas
to sell his land (even if
you blame him himself)
although I should have
thought you would be the
last person to consider

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have "needingly sorry
for the narrowness of
our means," but that
you had "made a
very liberal offer a
that if Sir Thomas
refused to accept it
the odium rested with
him." Now since then
Sir Thomas has consented
to pay Walter's debts
again & in addition
give him £50 a year
more if you would do

the same - But I
cannot & will not
ask him to ~~pay~~ pay debts
incurred solely on my
own responsibility in
the belief that you
would keep yr. word
when you told me of
yr. own accord that you
would "from time to time
give me gifts of money"
which would be equivalent
to the £100 a year that you
had withdrawn - That
you made this promise
there is no denying as
I have a letter from you

without having made
any promise, to help
him beforehand, you
will surely recognize the
same responsibility to
help yr. daughter (to whom
you did make a distinct
promise) in the present
immediate difficulty
& also make some small
provision, well within the
possibility of yr. means
to provide against absolute
want in the future. What
you yr self recently stigmatized
as an "unhappy &
miserable state of things"
I need only add that

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any landowner under
an obligation to sell
part of his property if he
had a strong objection to
doing so) but rather on
the contrary endeavor to
repaid us for the strenuous
efforts we have made to
induce him to do so —
As therefore I incurred
these debts, (which amount
to a little under £100
& which consist entirely
of clothing for myself &

my children & which
extend from the period
(which is now over 2 years)
when you ceased to
give me the extra £100
which was all the
allowance I ever had
to dress myself & my
children on, & which
with an increasing
family is the very least
I can spend to keep
them warmly & tidily clad
on the understanding that
you would attend to give
me sufficient to pay them
according to your word I cannot

But how you can honestly
withhold or desire to
withhold from me a
sum sufficient to attend
to cover these debts
thus incurred, the
payments of which will
alone prevent our
having haliffs in the
house, & that soon (as
I have several summonses
out against me already.)
If you recognize the
"idiom" which would be
attached to Sir Thomas's
name he to neglect to help
his son to the extent that
lay in his power

I should you answer this
appeal in the manner
that I cannot but
hope you will
meritably do. In
my heart will not
fail to recognize it
with all filial
gratitude & due
appreciation.

Your affectionate daughter
Agnes M. Brown.