

815/3/11

Dear Brother

I rec^d yours of 19th Mar: I am sorry to tell you that
my Necessities obliged me to use the Money 25[£] intended for you &
it was then an amazing service to me & I had Expectation of remittance
from Different parts which I Judged would be to refund by the time
that an Opportunity offered but to my very great Loss & disappointment
I had upwards of 20[£] worth of goods returned, & only Advice that they was
to send me the Money for what was sold for any Opportunity this
with the Astonishing deadness of the times & general distress here
has put it intirely out of my power even to send you Directions to me
to pay Mr. Drivins, and has forced me to a step so disagreeable to me &
the thoughts of it rakes my very heart I shall refer Mr. Drivins to adv
you more particular & I shall only say that I am intirely thro the
Blessing of God to do better than hitherto & have made provision
for the Money to be sent you tho it will be some time before it
comes, in the Intrim my heart grieves for those that cannot want it
Mr. Drivins in great danger & need here & My poor Mother & Others w^{ch} you
& also my Dear Wife, Comfort her as a Widow & let my Mother & you all look
on her as a Daughter & Sister perhaps God may Enable me some time
or other to Acknowledge it. My Misfortune is great but I thank God that
my Intentions & Natural Affections is just & good, Commune of this
so far as your prudence shall direct, with my love to you all I am

Your affectionate but Unfortunate
Brother
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