

My Dear Brother

Bluffton 9th Nov 1843

Your usually kind letter of the 24th ultimo came to hand a few days since, and in obedience to my firm resolve (with your consent) not to let our correspondence languish, I sit down to answer it before deathly time shall interpose two and a half.

In reference to the Lincoln Lane & your dealings and doings with Mr Page the Auctioneer, I can only say you have complied with my wishes to the letter, and of course that I am well very well pleased, with my best thanks &c &c

The tomb stones on the grave, of our venerated parents and brother I have obtained, and they now cover the narrow bosoms of those dear departed ones;— The cost was £20 each and I presume there will be no call upon our liberality for payment as to the first, the latter I believe has long since appeared to have done so at our mutual expense.

The claims against Doct Hassel will not I am sure be willingly paid, as he is the greatest dog in my knowledge;— but they are just, and in a fair, that are indisputable, and payment can be covered if he has means;— therefore the