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My dear Ryland,

I congratulate you most heartily on the promotion which has been so long your due, and at length has come to you. You have a long memory indeed, if you can think your getting on in business in any way ~~connected~~ connected with my early taking a friendship to you. It was your integrity in business, the conscience you seemed to bring to it, which first attracted my notice to you; things so unusual in our youngsters. We have been friends now - how long is it? - without one quarrel, and I am proud of it. Without you, there were little that in an evil hour I might have been tempted to have given up business with poor prospects of compensation. With your aid I weather'd it out pretty well. All the obligation, ^{19/20} of it I am sure, have been from you to me. Pray give our best loves and congratulations to Mrs. the Civil Auditor's, for so I suppose. Mr. Ryland must be call'd in future; and to good Elizabeth, ~~who~~ though she gets no accession of title by this change. If weather holds, we shall expect you on Sunday. We have been in trouble, for poor Emma took cold in her journey home, and was laid up for weeks with a very dangerous fever, and I am waiting only for a summons to go to Bury and fetch her, when she has strength to be moved. They are

very kind to her, but so violent was the attack that
we expected every day to hear the very worst. I scarce
hope for a letter to call me there so soon as this week,
as she has been so reduced, but if one comes in time, I
will let you know, though even in that case your coming
would be most acceptable to Mary, who is not used to
be left to herself, but whom I must unavoidably be absent
from for a few days. She sends her kind love, & hopes
to see you at our humble table d'hôte on Sunday in
any case.

God bless you,

Ch. L. Grand Pensioner.

