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Mr James Dimmick
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London

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Dear Sir

I have made inquiry concerning the mode hereing furni-
-re and find that there are no such thing done here as letting out of arte-
-cles of that kind. it would cause the Bookers to miss the Sale of their
furniture besides there are no one of them could furnish all the things that
you would need. My opinion is that you may be as well if not better accom-
-modated than you was in Mr Roddicks for a small sum of money as things
of the furniture kind will be selling very cheap next week and will be
till old Whitsunday which is the term observed in this place the only
things of consequence that you will need will be few chairs a carpet and
a good feather Bed I am getting an excellent dining table at the time
a second hand one but no worse than new we have a very good ^{but} Tent and a
chest of Mahogany drawers which I have no doubt will please you and
and we can do very well with articles of an inferior kind, the taxes of the
I can say nothing about they will not be much. Times are very alarming here
at present there has not been half a supply of potatoes or meal in the Market these
six weeks past and none this two bygone Market days there are however
plenty in the country and the Magistrates have advertised a premium to them who
will bring in the greatest quantity of provisions which premium will be continued
for three months likewise a protection during the time of sale by the Constables and
Barrow officers to keep off the mob which are ready and cautious on market days
of late. My young ones has had no crowdy for three weeks past but will soon
get plenty as we are to get some Meal from James Dimmick as soon as he
can get it made the prices of provisions are above double what they were three
months ago and they were then very dear Ann is not like to get the better of her
cold soon she continues to observe that it is hard to tell what she says



The Plate you sent me is more than necessary for one gun I can make it
do three and if I understand the bill right it is only 17th an ounce which is
cheaper than Birmingham it is there one pound three Shillings Mr. Haugh's tale
commences on widens day next and I will get into the Shop the day following
I have been this moment informed that a great many people have been
twelve miles round Country baking meal and returned without it
this is our fast day and I sincerely believe it is a fast day with money
by a subscription of their old Schoolm. Messrs. Henney and White have
got a present of Silver plate to the amount of above a 100 Guineas
each I remain Dear Sir Yours ever Gratefully

James Proudfoot

