6 Smith square Westminster Sept.r 21/812

My Dear Sir I am writing to you on a Melancholly subject, the Death of my dear Son Captain Waterhouse, who died the 27.th of July last and has left his affairs in a very unsettled state, which will occasion much embarrassment; I am induced to request of you (from the friendship which always subsisted between you and my Son) to take the trouble of assisting me, as I know not any one (from the character I have always heard of you) that I should wish so soon as yourself to have my affairs in your hands. I have in consequence sent a compleate, and legal power of Attorney for you to act upon, my Son sent one out by Col.: Davey for him and you jointly to act upon but that was not legal, not having a Stamp; from England it is necessary to have a Stamp, but not so from New South Wales, where Stamps are not to be procured, but had it been legal, it's power ceased from the time of my Son's death, and I do not wish for Col.: Davey or any one but yourself to have any thing to do with my affairs, except by their advice and that of real friends and that of Col.: D— you will see by my Son's Will, which I have sent you the Probate of, that he has left all to me, but it's not having been signed by three witnesses, the House &c. which is freehold, my only Son (John now living, and none of my deceased Sons having ever been married) becomes Heir at Law to it, in consequence he has jointly signed the power with me. but after his debts are discharged, we intend whatever remains to go to Maria his Daughter, who I think deserving of every thing I can do for her— You will be so good to get the best information you can where you are, I have sent you all the documents which I have at present found, if I find any more I will send them, by the first ship that goes, you will see by the Lease granted, and signed by my Son and

Mr. Blaxland that it terminates the 31st. of Decr. next, my Son has not received any thing from him, from the first of agreement, neither for Cattle, nor Rent &c. he was to have paid my Son Fifty pounds when he was in England, by his brothers desire, as I was informed, and it is confirmed by his letter to my Son March 22. 1811, which I have inclosed to you, that has not been paid, nor do I know what it was for; I could wish he would settle the affairs in a friendly manner, but if not, legal means must be made use of. I have sent you a Copy of Mr. Cox's affidavit sworn before the Lord Mayor, which was for a Mare, but the Filly he said was sold at Parramatta, or the Hawkesbury, as Mr. Grimes asserts to his knowledge, and others assert the same to a person at Parramatta, I believe of the name of Field, and I heard say was a Baker, the sum he paid for it they cannot say, but I believe it was a hundered pounds or Guineas, Mr. Grimes says he offered Capt. Rowley £150 for her, these particulars you can possibly be able to find out, likewise a farm he sold at Duck River for £22.1.0 and goods for £5.16.0 — I have sent you the Lease & Release of Mr. Schaffer to my Son, and a Copy of four Acres & half of Ground granted from Govr. Hunter; — I find by a letter from you Octr. 31st. 1807, that my Sons Stock when Capt. Rowley died, was but Eight Sheep remaining and six Horned Cattle, all females but one, it's wonderful, for you will see by a letter from Capt. Rowley Augt. 16th. 1804 there were 27 Sheep, if you know who was the Keeper of the Stock, perhaps you might find out some particulars respecting the unaccountable falling off of the Stock of Sheep in two years from 1804, to 1806 the time Capt. died. I declare I wish for nothing but fair play and honesty, and from your universal character I am sure you will procure it for me if you can.

I could wish to have every thing disposed of as soon as it conveniently can be, but not in so great haste as if it was positively obliged to be sold immediately, but you will be the best Judge who are on the place.

It appears by the affidavit of Mr. Cox before the Lord Mayor that Capt. Rowley Received fifteen shillings in the pound in the Year 1803, or beginning of 1804, Capt. R. ought to have transmitted the Money by the first ship that came to England, not having done so, he of course made use of it himself, which I should suppose, I have a right to have legal Interest for, had it been paid at the time my Son could have made interest, however if we cannot get the principal and Interest, we must be content with the principal.

I have just had the pleasure of a letter, by this Mornings post from Lieut. A. D. White at the Royal Artillery Barracks Chatham, I have not seen him for many Months, as he has been at Worster surveying, nor did I know where to write to him till this letter just received, he is a very handsome young Man, and I am confident as good as handsome, and I doubt not will by his conduct repay you for all your expence and trouble he informs me in his letter he has one letter ready to send to you by Col. Johnstone, and intends to write another, he left Worster the beginning of Augt. and is now quartered at the R. A. Barracks, where he says his Duty begins at 5 O'clock in the Morning and detains him till 8 Evening on account of the extensive fortifications that are carried on there. he begs of me to say to you and Mr. Moore that he is well. I have nothing more now to say but to apologize for the very great trouble I am putting you to on my account, but in some respects it is your own fault, for had you been a person of a bad character I certainly should not have troubled you, so you see you have brought it on yourself; Col. Johnstone has promised me any thing in his power by his advice &c. concerning my affairs he will render — My Son wrote you word that all the requisite papers are in the hands of Mr. Gregory or Mr. John Blaxland. I have sent you my News papers from May 17th. to Sept. 20th. 1812 which I believe is a continuation from the last I sent you, In a letter from you to my Daughter Mrs. Bass dated Novr. 12. 1811 you mention having sent a quantity of News papers to Andrew, none of which were received at least a few Months back Andrew wrote to know if any ships had arrived, that he had not heard from you for two Years, and was very uneasy, Letters do often miscarry both to, and from England, which I most sincerely

hope will not be the case with this as I confide it to the care of Col: Johnstone. I am sure I have tired you long since with this long epistle therefore will now conclude, your sincere friend and

Humble Servt.

W Waterhouse

P: S: My Wife and all my family join me in best respects and good wishes to you and Mr. Moore ——

I forgot to say in the former part of my letter that I have sent Capt. Rowleys original letters, as they may be necessary for you, pray take care of them in case I should want them in England