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the payment of such a sum would be impossible, without destroying the means of providing for mykelf and family and Insuture respectfully to draw your Grace's attention to the following observations: This Farm is the first one I have held under your face, and consequents I am not in the situation of an individual who, having realised aftroperty in better times from the fourable terms on which . he held his Farm, might fairly be called on to contribute a purhin of that property to free himself from a ruinere Shar, although for the first four Mest from the summer expended by one I'm improvements, I have never enjoyed , any brught, or advantage, from the Farm from the circumstance of the soil cleared, bring of an inferior, and sandy marine; parfectly district from what was contemplated, and totally unfit for the goods of Corn; and in fact, in Lothe years, the Corn was not, in some places, ever cut. That Since I hook the furn, my burther have been encrewed to the amount of about 230 for annum, poorerate paid to the former Isnants,

who have been driven to the necessity of seeking that asleet. That There never Cralifed more than merely met the charge against the Farms, and now from the sincrease of Fruh, and the defirefier of corry description of aquicultural produce, it is impossible for me to avoid that puiso, the approach of which, under Such circumstances, is gradual, but certain. The Father of a large family I am most anxious to detain the meand of providing for their wants. and, as the importunate circumstance under which I am placed, his not arisen from want of Industry, Skill in Stusbandry, or proceeded from my own this conduct, Jaguin venture to appeal to your frace and in fraging that I may be released from my agreement, I feel confeilence intithe recollection of the line adopted by agour praces late noble Father ad well as your self, in not holding the individu answerable for events for circumstan human shile could not control

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To His Grace the Duke of Northumberland Etc. Etc. Etc.

William Charlton of Broad Oaks
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17<sup>th</sup> November 1821

My Lord Duke

I had the honour of addressing your Grace, on the subject of my existing agreement for the Farm at Broad Oak since which I am informed thro' your Grace's *Commissioners* that in order to obtain a release from any engagement, I must agree to pay half the difference between the present rent of £205 per annum, and the amount of the different progressive rents for the remainder of the term amounting to the sum of £546, 5, 0.

This, your Grace will perceive, is, in itself, no relief, for, supposing it was in my power to have such a sum as £546, 5, 0, it would, at the termination of the lease, amount to a sum nearly equivalent to the gradual payment of the progressive increase of rent and is, in effect, as ruinous to me, as enforcing the full performance of my agreement could be; from my circumstances independent of any other consideration the payment of such a sum would be impossible, without destroying the means of providing for myself and my family and I venture respectfully to draw your Grace's attention to the following observations;

This farm is the first one I have held under your Grace, and consequently I am not in the situation of an individual who, having realised property in better times, from the favourable terms on which he held his farm, might fairly be called on to contribute a portion of that property to free himself from a ruinous lease.

That, although for the first four years the annual rental was £190, yet from the sums expended by me in improvements, I have never enjoyed any benefit, or advantage, from the farm, from the circumstance of the <u>soil cleared</u>, being of an inferior and sandy nature, perfectly distinct from what was contemplated and totally unfit for the growth of corn; and, in fact, in some years, the corn was not, in some places, even cut.

That, since I took the farm, my burthens (archaic form of the word burdens) have been increased to the amount of about £30 per annum, poors rate paid to the former tenants who have been driven to the necessity of seeking that relief.

That I have never realised more, than merely must be the charges against the farm, and now from the increase of Rent, and the depression of every description of agricultural produce, it is impossible for me to avoid that ruin, the approach of which, under such circumstances, is gradual, but certain.

The father of a large family, I am most anxious to retain the means of providing for their wants, and, as the unfortunate circumstances under which I am placed, has not arisen from want of industry, skill in husbandry, or proceeded from my own misconduct, I again venture to appeal to your Grace, and in praying that I may be released from my agreement, I feel confidence in the recollection of the line adopted by your Grace's late noble father, as well as yourself, in not holding the individual answerable for events, or circumstances, human skill could not control.

I have the honour to be My Lord Duke

Your Grace's

Most obedient and most humble servant

William Charlton