fell weight of the burden, which in future he must expect, mainly to carry. Not only for the purpose of making him alone depend upon his own resources, but at the same to make the distinction line between the old & new concern as perfect as possible. I have a room next door to the store, for the purpose of settling up the old business - when I am ready to be called upon, when wanted.

Twas thought most prudent to let the store go on in Lloyd's name, for a short time, or until Mr Siddall had made satisfactory arrangements with his creditors. This was simply to avoid annoyance. It may be proper here to mention - (in fact it is due to you) that so far as relates to myself - with the exception of an insignificant trifle, I am entirely released. Still, it is better that old things should pass away. Until I make use of my name in the concern we have a private (written) understanding, holding me equally responsible. In the mean time I shall pay the same attention. The business is reviving rapidly - but we are mutually cautious. We shall not purchase more than is absolutely necessary to present an assortment, until after July settlements, so as to make our first semi-annual payments as light as possible. This precaution, with a judicious disposal of the surplus stock, we think, will materially contribute to our ease and safety.

Please reply as early as convenient, making such enquiries as you may deem necessary.

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Joshua Hoxsey