this Country is verging fast on ruin
the Farmers cannot pay the rent & Taxes
and new Taxes laying on in place of
the war Taxes which should now
be taken off new Taxes to the amount
of twenty five Million has been laid
on Tobacco Coffee Tea & Malt besides
a new Loan this session of Twelve Million
in fact the very great Stickles all
through for Government are now
beginning to have there Eyes opened
and are now speaking as freely
against Government proceedings
as you formerly did when you
got in company with Tom Crane
Sinclair Kilbourne &c over a glass
of old rum at the sign of Demarary
I expect John Shaw & his wife here
every day, poor B H Shaw has hard
Labour here to get a living he was
saying the other day that if he thought
you would give him a Hutt and Garden
to take care of your Sheep & Hogs
he would go over and spend the
remainder of his life with you
John is making off very well

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Dear brother
Samuel Lawson

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Mr Robert Hillman
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