had not the effect of depriving you of any portion of the regard of your friend, altho he thought your letter to his father seen and I believe told you so in one of his letters — I am sure Mr Bowen has a sincere regard for you notwithstanding that little foreas but she was as much out of the state of your letter as you were at first — I hope however you have both forgot what is past — for my own part I always thought it an idle and ridiculous application and I think would and ought much that it should have made a breach between two worthy persons who esteemed and still do esteem each other, a few words soon and then change the subject I do not believe indeed I am certain that this dispute was not in the slightest degree the cause of the neglect you complain of — that among so many near relations not one of them should have announced to you the death your earliest and most esteemed friend — indeed I do not think except to that friend himself that ever Mr Bowen spoke of the subject to any person out of her own family — the omission was a great one but did not I am persuaded proceed from any intentional disrespect but rather because none of the family had been in the habit of corresponding with you before, nor indeed except on business subjects do I think any of the male part of them ever write letters — I must say I never heard your name mentioned but with respect by any one of them

the disturbances in England and Ireland are much exaggerated before they get your length — I never remember this part of the country in a quieter state than at present the crops are fast coming in a prosperous state the corn I can not tell therefore I shall not attempt it — linens are very low and great distress in trade of every kind but I shall learn more subjects to those who can throw more light on them as in attempting them I should soon get beyond my depth and proceed to answer your enquiries as to the circumstances in which I am now left which as I am not ashamed of poverty not brought on by any fault of mine I shall candidly state to you

I believe if the stock crop and furniture were converted into money that there would be between £250 and £300 — which is all I am possessed of of worldly goods and Mr Bowen not having prefered any will has not made any difference to me as none of the Bears would take any part of the Chattels while the law would have given them and Mr Bowen just up all claim to the Freehold ~~[illegible]~~ but he was security for £800 — which Mr Bowen was obliged to borrow about six years ago for which the Loan was also Mortgaged this would all have been paid and a very handsome at least a comfortable competence would have remained for me if David and William Cunningham had stood to the bargain they made for the price and rent of the farm — which bargain because they thought it

David and William have incurred the blame of every friend they have for their conduct on this occasion but they viewed the subject in a different light from any body else and could not be admired, their interest blinded their judgement — they have gained about £100 per annum by an event which has deprived me of my best friend and protector and left me in the situation I have mentioned with regard to pecuniary circumstances but my Dear Sir as we have done in amity what we could not help doing, I have to request as the greatest favour that you will not in any of your letters to this country mention having heard these things — I am on friendly terms with David and William and hope and believe they are not without principle notwithstanding all this and I intend with my small means to take part of the farm and to try to make out a livelihood by keeping a few Cows and disposing of the Milk and butter which with the assistance of some of my friends I hope to accomplish, as I am so wedded to the place that I would wish to remain on in it if I find when one year is past that I can make the two ends meet — hoping a continuance of your friendship and Correspondence and assuring you Dear with all sincerity I remain

My Dear Mr Bowen your very sincere friend

Anne Bowen