Sir

I have received so many Letters from you on the subject of the place I live on and which I rented of your Father that I cannot pretend answer them particularly either as to their date or what they contain — But as on several of them you complain of insult and ill treatment I must first inform you that I never meant either the one or the other that I am sorry you have adopted that opinion and could wish you to alter it intirely — with regard to the general subject of your Letters viz raising the Rent of my place I am satisfied I cannot help saying that I think the proposition a cruel one and such a one as I am satisfied your Father would not have made considering the Solemnity of the agreement between us — he having expressly promised that I should not be turned off and that the Rent should continued at 30 pounds common executating currency — I am satisfied he would have considered that the 10 times which have produced this depreciation of money bore as hard on me as on any man in any circumstances he would have considered that if I gained in the article of Rent a circumstance which could not be foreseen or guarded against I lost much more considerably in being obliged to receive debts long contracted in the same way — He would have considered too that as a Tavern keeper where formerly I could have cleared 20 £ I cannot now clear one or how only save my self — upon the whole he would have considered this agreement with me as sacred and would not for so small a matter have forfeited his promises so solemnly so expressly given — the circumstance of my not having any writing to shew ought to be a strong argument to instruct you not to think of altering your Fathers Bargain as it proves the implicit confidence I reposed in his word which I deem'd as effectual as a Bond — Your leaving it is more I dislike not because I think they would give it against me but that I think you upon cool consideration will pay so much regard to your Fathers engagement as to determine not to violate it in the smallest instance

I am Sir Yours &c.

Samuel Gillard

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