

Clarkson Thos.

May 19. 1817

Mr. W. Brown

Spurwick

Dear Sir!

Playford Hall. Saturday.
May 17. 1817

When you was so kind as to refuse taking the usual Remuneration for your Services at Playford Hall, I was so much struck with the Generosity of your Conduct, and gratified by the Motive, which actuated it, that I scarcely knew what to say. I had however so far my Recollector at the Time, ~~that~~ as to know (what I believe I then expressed) that, however generous the Proposal was on your Part, it ought not, in Justice to your Family, to be accepted on mine.

Since that Time I have frequently canvassed the Matter in my own Mind, and, after many deliberate Considerations, I have been obliged to come at last to the Conclusion, which the Impulse of my first Feelings dictated to me, viz, that, though I can never forget the kind Offer made to me, I ~~feel~~ find a great and insurmountable Difficulty in accepting it, though I most willingly accept the Testimony of your approbation and Esteem. I have

Therefore in gratification of my own feelings to propose, that
you will accept the Payment alluded to in the common
way, and in gratification of yours, ~~that I shall~~ ^{to} promise
at any future time, whenever I may have occasion
for your judgment, to send for you and consult you,
without any offer of Remuneration, and entirely as a
Friend. I hope that this, which steers a middle kind of
course, will be satisfactory to you - I shall do my
self the Pleasure of calling upon you in a Day or
two

I am, dear Sir, with comple-
ments to Mrs. Brown

yours truly

Thomas Clarkson