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FROM MR. GILBERT SIMPSON.

december; 18: 1774

Sr I am heartyly Sorrey To heare your uneaseyness Concerning Mills Costing so Mutch; as it is in all Likelyhood To Bee Complte and Strong in all Branches and I Make No doubt But She Will Grind With as Little Wayter as by Eyther Mill Within 150 Miles of her and The Setuation Wheareon She Stands is in all Likelehod of Becoming a populus plase For I am Shure in My own Mind The Main Rood Will Bee Turnd Within one Quarter of Mile of her and There is The Convenens of haveing a Fine Rood To The River and and Good Ford in Time of Looe Water and only one Small Mile to The River and The Land Belonging To you is Most Level and Fine Meadows To Bee Maid and a Most Sutable plase For Stors publick hous or Bllack Sinth Shoops¹ So That if at any Time Sr you or yours Should incline To Send out any proper person That is Well Calculated For Buisness With a pasel of Goods Sutable To The Cuntry I Make No doubt But your profets arriseing From The Whole Might Make you an ample Satisfaction in a very Ful² years of Which I am Cleare in My own Mind The Mill Will Not Fail doing her part and as To Mr youngs Saying She Was Seatted of your Land it was altogether a Mistak For There is Neither part Nor parsel of her But What is on your own Land The Land of one George Smith Runs Near To her For Which Reason I agreed With Smith To Take in Two acers of his Land as Near as We Could Gees Joining The Mill and Marked it out: it is True. She has alreydy Cost you double The Money I Ever

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Expect She Was To Cost and She Will Cost a Great deal More yet For Which Reason
as all Things Mearly Taken out of The Fire To Get Tools all other Neserys³ Towards The
Building of her has Given Me Such a years Troble and Loos of Time and hinderanse of
My people and horses doing work on The plantation That in The Whole I Would Not under
Take The Like again For The Beest Sixty Guineys That Ever I recived But would Sooner
Eat hand Mill and Morter Beten Meal all The days of Life or Such as Mills affor in This
Cuntry Which is No Better For Reayly it is only Wasting Time and grain To Goe To Such
Mills But Need Must So That all This trouble of Mine is Just To have The Satisfaction of
Eating of Better Bread heraeafter if I Should Live: But Sr Conclidering your Costs is Vast
Extensef and will Bee as I Money is Make No doubt But Mony has Been very dead This
year in Curculation Neither Sr do I Beleive That your orchads Bears Gold of Tree kind But
The almighty God has Blest With other orchads Which has Made Gold and I hope Will
Continue To do so always For all Thinks in My oppinion offer To The advantag of your
or yours intrist heareafter and Sr if Such gentlemen as you dont do Sumthing For The
Benefit of a New Cuntry as Well as your own intrist Espe[cial]ly heare Wheare you have
an immensd and Lasting Estate it Would Bee impossable For poor Men To Set Things
on Foo[t] To There presen[t] or Futer advantage Sr all Things is [mutilated] ell as I Trust
in The Great Sovren of all Things That you and all Belonging to you are and I Remain Sr
your humble Ser To Command

GILBT. SIMPSON YOUGHAGUHALAY

1 Blacksmith Shops,

2 Few?

3 Necessaries.