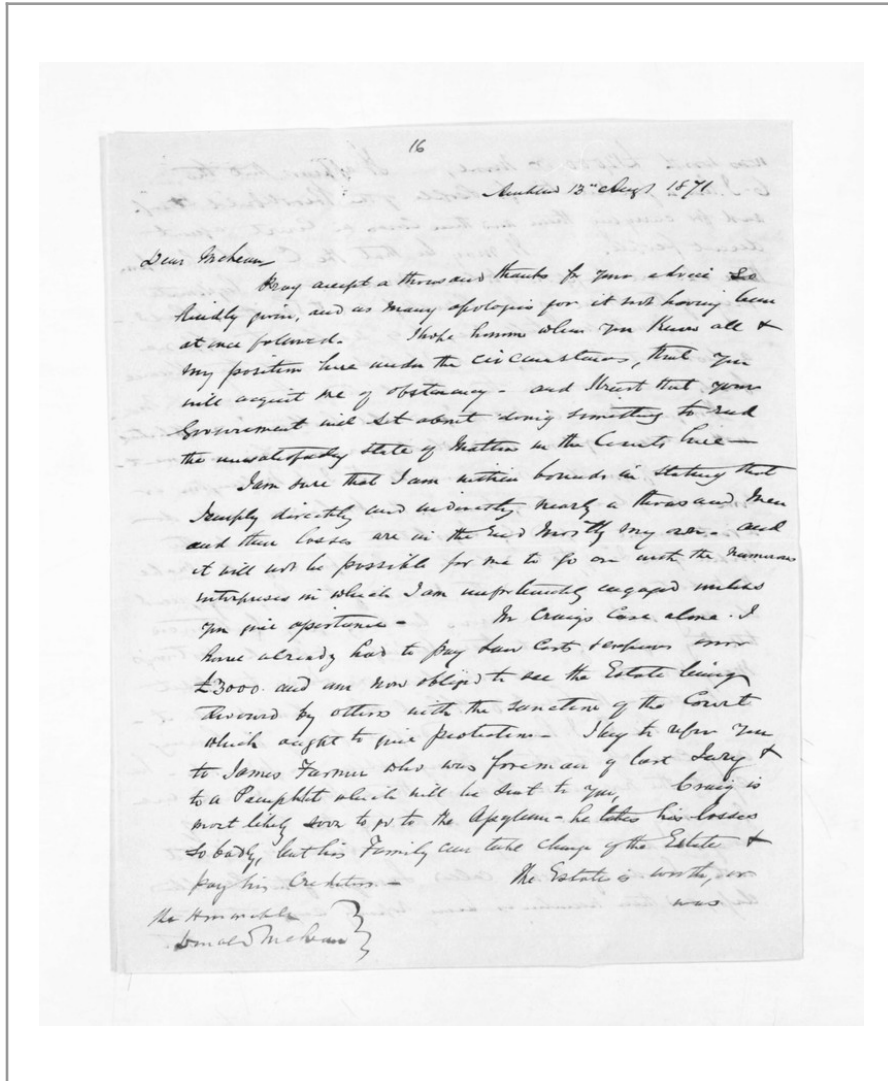


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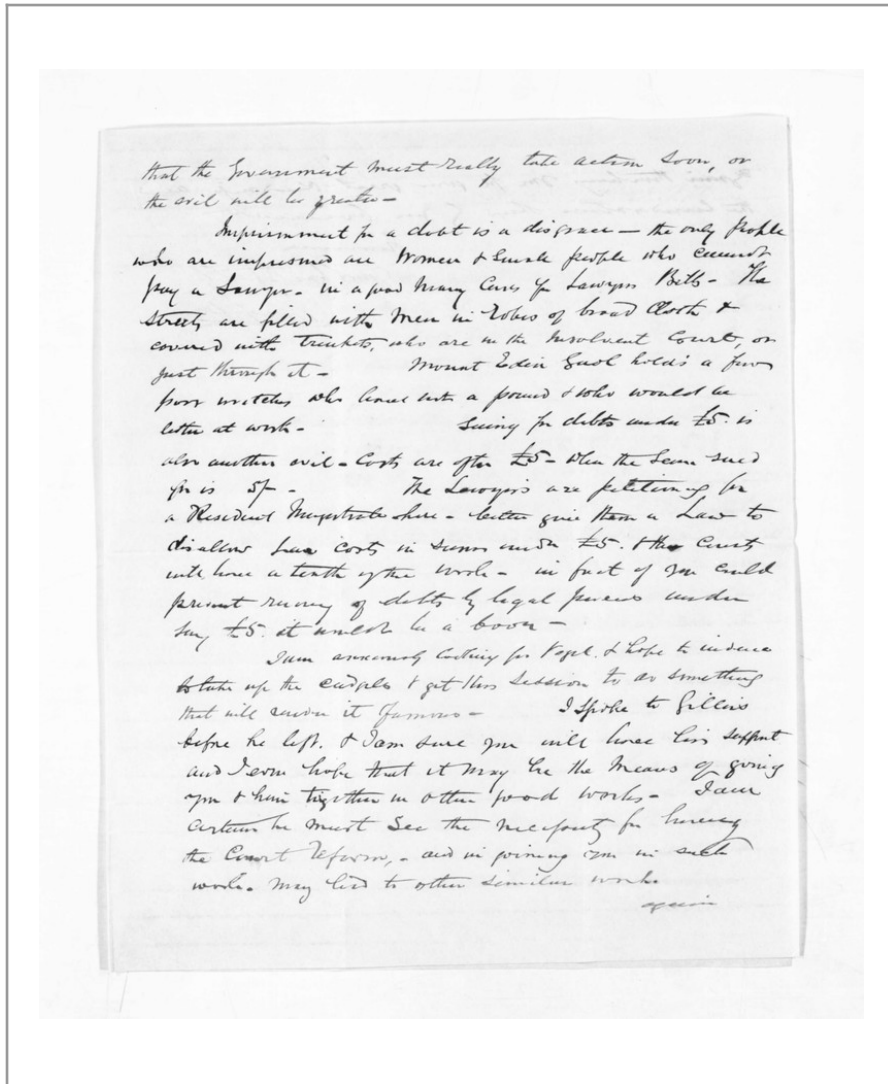


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was worth £12,000 or more, It appears that the
 C. J. has a few delinquents for people of the Brookfield stamp
 and for carrying them and their cases in Court against
 decent people. It may be that the C. J. looks upon
 those who are supposed to have means as the legitimate
 prey of the men of the Brookfield & Committee class.
 Mr. Mansfield tells me, it is useless to oppose
 a dishonest Debtor, and I feel sure that the House
 profits more from the Court than the honest man.
 It is quite possible that the 'good old gentleman' is afflicted
 with a disease of some kind, which overcomes his judgment.
 If you do not remove the C. J. to Wellington or
 some other place, I think best of the fact - you could do
 a vast amount of good by legislation - Make the
 verdict of the Jury to be respected - but first of all make
 the verdict, as in Scotland the verdict of the majority, and
 do away with the barbarous locking up of gentlemen
 till they agree or admit their guilt - & which does wrong
 many verdicts - do not allow one Jew to admit
 a verdict - the Court of Appeal alone should do it -
 The C. J. has a wonderful fancy for learning
 every case split into as many pieces as possible - he
 reports the hardships in Germany these years which are
 generally ground so as to destroy the chance of
 any prudent standing - Such is important
 with a bundle of people called Lawyers of the Brookfield
 class, and their number is being rapidly augmented so
 that

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