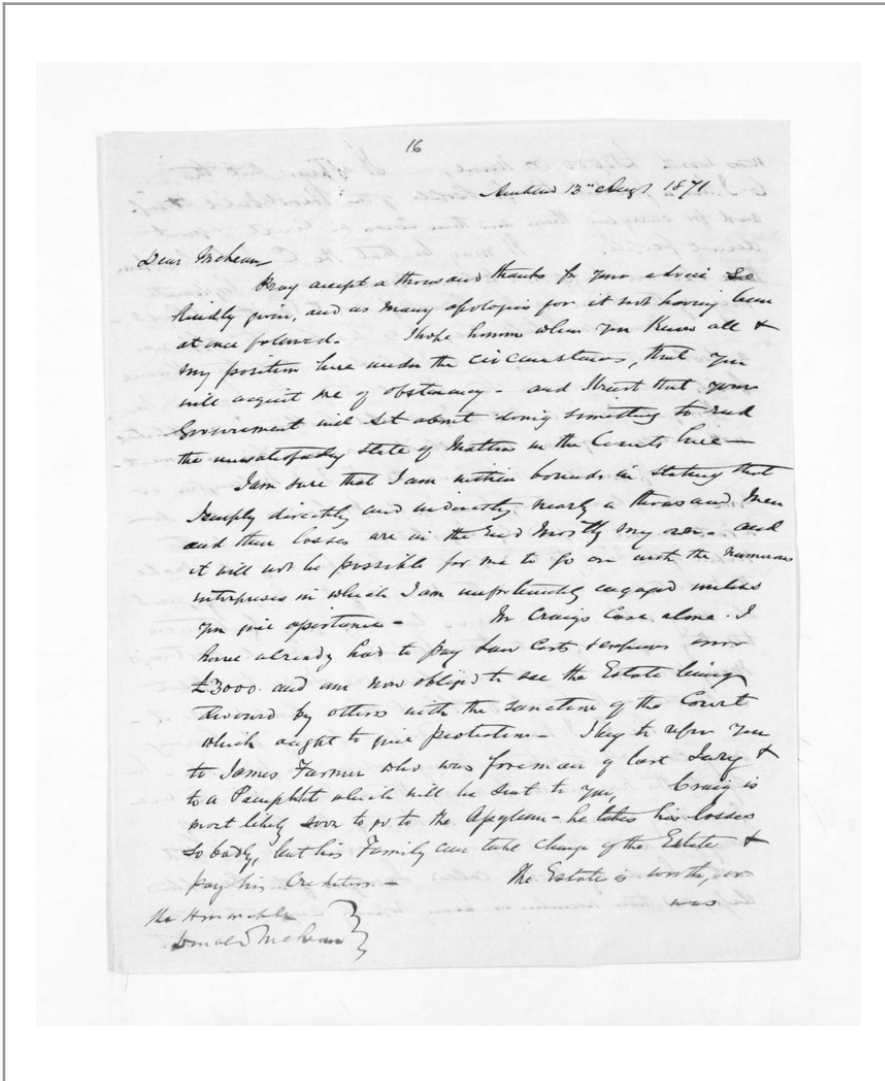
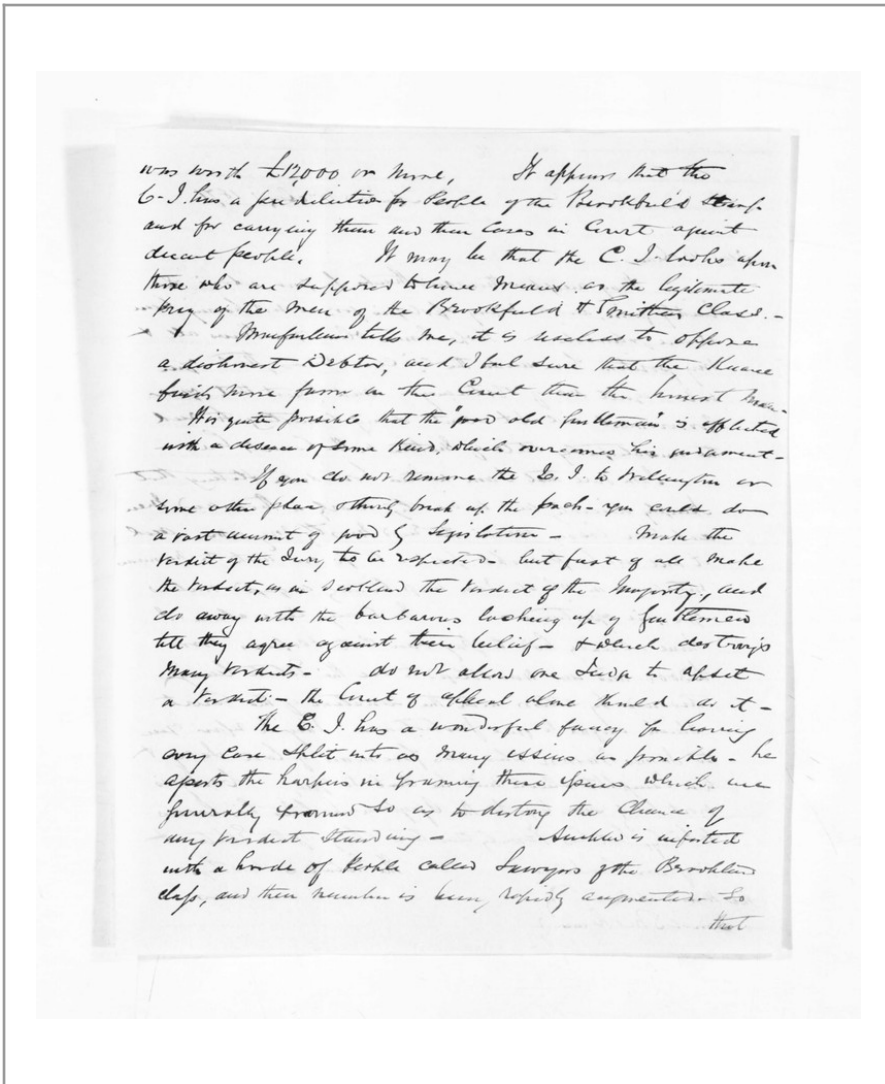


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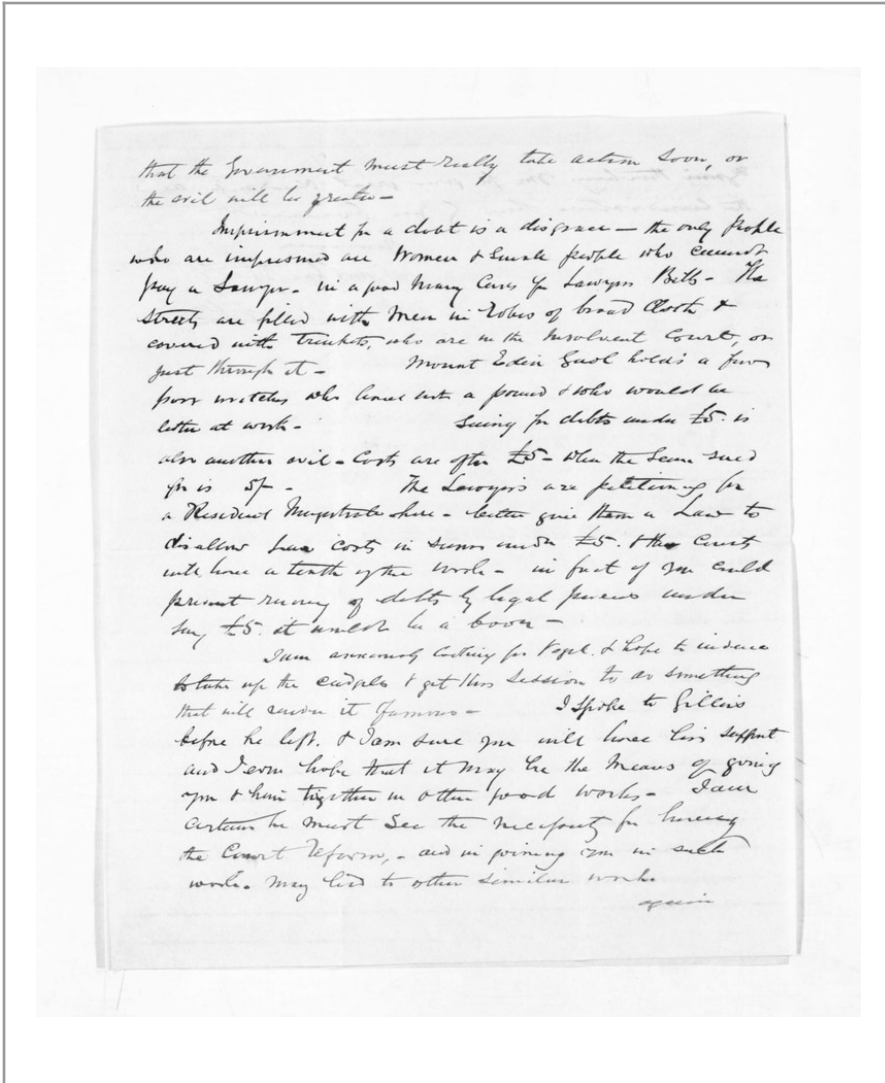


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that the Government must really take action soon, or
 the evil will be greater -

Imprisonment for a debt is a disgrace - the only people
 who are imprisoned are women & drunk people who cannot
 pay a Lawyer. In a good many cases of Lawyers Bills - The
 streets are filled with men in robes of broad cloth &
 covered with trinkets, who are in the Insolvent Court, or
 just through it -

Mount Eden Gaol holds a few
 poor wretches who have had a friend who would be
 better at work -

Seeing for debts under £5 is
 also another evil - Costs are often £5 - then the same man
 is in 5 -

The Lawyers are petitioning for
 a Resident Magistrate here - better give them a Law to
 disallow Law Costs in some cases £5. The Court
 will have a tenth of the work - in fact if you could
 prevent recovery of debts by legal process under
 any £5. it would be a boon -

I am anxiously looking for Popl. & hope to induce
 to take up the Capital & get Mrs Seddon to do something
 that will revive it - I spoke to Filkins
 before he left. I am sure you will have his support
 and I am sure that it may be the means of giving
 you & him together in other good works - I am
 certain he must see the necessity for having
 the Court reformed, and in giving you in such
 works may lead to other similar works
 again

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