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Schenectady, Aug. 11. '59.

Dear Miss Landor,

I am very sensible of the honor you do me & grateful for the confidence shown me by Mr Landor's relatives in England. I can understand only too well all that you particularize of an unhappy, misdirected career. This business at present seems confined to doing one's best to avert or soften circumstances which are the natural effects of what is long ago irretrievable. I fear Mr Landor can never be trusted to live a quarter of an hour without supervision - which, to answer any purpose of good to him, ought to be disguised in at least the appearance of affection & civility. I despair of his finding there at home - not from his own statements which I was disposed to hope exaggerated - but from my own observation. At my rate, he will not return to his family unless they use violence to oblige him, and he has more been more than a month dependent on those

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sympathy of comparative strangers: I ought to apprise you that I had not seen Mr Landor more than half a dozen times in the course of four times that number of years till he came to me in his extremity. Of course, in common with every body I have always appreciated his genius and generosity, with whatever alloy they may have been mingled.

The only course to be taken is the following, I believe. Whatever means of life are extended to Mr Landor by his relatives, should be held in trust for him by a friend; nothing must be left in his own hands: nor should he be even acquainted with the exact amount of what is available, or it will be impossible to repress the sudden fantastic projects of enormous, unscrupulous gifts of beneficence, & the like, to which he is subject. He requires constant guardianship in the discharge of prompt kind services. I have established him in a lodgings hardly a

stone's cast from the Villa wherein I & my family ~~will~~ reside till the end of September; I see him several times a day, and believe that his misconceptions and irritabilities may be disposed of by the treatment I should be happy to continue personally. But I have other claims on me which are imperative; nor can I engage to spend the winter in Florence: this however I propose to do - subject to the approbation of Mr Landor's relatives - I will receive what they desire to be appropriated to his comforts. I will endeavour to lodge him close to my house in Florence as economically as possible, and to induce a valued servant of ours - of whose probity, gentleness and other good qualities my wife & myself have had fourteen years' experience - to devote herself exclusively to ^{his} care. If he is himself purring me to carry this plan into effect. Should I leave Florence for a few months, I could trust her absolutely with him: her husband is still in my service and has long been proved

trust worthy. I will associate myself with Mr L's old friend Kirkup in all I do, and a detailed account of expenses, verified by him, shall be transmitted to England once a quarter. Should there be a surplus on the quarter's receipts, I will deposit it with my Banker, Philipson, who allows 3 per cent interest in such a case, - to constitute a fund against sickness or other emergency. I cannot deny that I feel the responsibility of engaging to do this - but poor Mr Landor has been, in a manner, laid at my door, and I will not refuse to do my best in such a case. I feel moreover that I may count at least on your kind doing justice - and perhaps more - to my endeavours - even should circumstances beyond my control render them ineffectual. Let us hope, however.

Mr Landor transmits the enclosed note - so characteristic of all that you observe on in his part proceedings! I succeeded in making him understand your intention, after some trouble.

Pray believe me, dear Miss Landor,
Yours very faithfully,
Robert Browning.

Siena, Aug. 31. '59.

Dear Miss Landor,

Indeed I cannot say how grateful you make me - pray except to your Uncle my truest thanks for their confidence in a mere stranger like myself. I dare say it will be of little use attempting to explain to you all that the services you so overestimate are a very simple matter and are amply repaid by half of the acknowledgements you please to bestow on them - you probably prefer seeing them in that light. The truth is, I would have done my best to make Mrs Landor comfortable for his own sake & as it now turns out, - causes me to say I would do as much on the ground yourself furnish. On the proposal contained in your note, I have only a word or two to observe. Mr Foster was the first to mention that £200 would, in all likelihood, be the sum contributed, from whatever quarter, for Mrs Landor's subsistence: so far as I can at present judge, it will amply suffice. At present, with the absence of any temptation to expense, it would more than

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suffice: but the circumstances will be different in Florence, and it ~~will~~ be safer to begin our house-keeping with a certain latitude of allowance: of the additional sum which you so generously offer, there will certainly be no need. You understand, that my business is not to receive from and deliver to Mr. Landor a particular sum, but to make him comfortable and secure against contingencies, - using, therefore, your liberality so far and no farther. What is ~~now~~ at the quarters and, I will say by against the future. At the same time, do not fear that I will exercise too pinching an economy - I should not carry out your own kind intentions so: but, as I say, I fully expect to be able to do this to everybody's satisfaction and yet keep well within £200: it is, however, an experiment, and you shall be duly informed how it succeeds, so that we may regulate our proceedings accordingly. You must allow me to trouble you with a simple statement of expen-

ture at the quarters and it shall not be a pedantic affair - but just a transcript of the memorandum I must in any case keep for my own guidance: and I cheerfully permit you to consider me as obliged by your acquiescence in my request. And now I will give you the news of your Uncle. He is quite well, quiet & apparently satisfied with everything. Things, indeed, almost go on too well - so kind and thoughtful for the last attention does he appear; so easily to be managed, too. I have only acquainted ^{with} ~~with~~ the fact of my being authorized to incur all necessary expense on his account: the extent to which I can go, is better left uncommunicated. His projects and wishes are most moderate: he is looking forward with eagerness to the superintendence of Mrs. Wilson (Mrs. Romagnoli) the servant I spoke of: she is staying with me for a few days for the purpose of trying how far our plan was likely to suit, and, to my great relief, her appearance has produced the best impression - he desires to find himself in her hands immediately: I expected this would be the case, but the success is complete. I think no

look out for a lodgings in Florence, whether we all go in a month. I have had no farther communication with Mrs Landor: all that you suggest in excuse of her conduct, and that of her children, I receive in every confidence. I do not think Mr Landor feels malignant, nor permanently hostile to them: they were at no pains, unfortunately, to bring out any kinder feeling on his part, but keep up an unnecessary irritation by refusing to send his books, plate &c. He seems to want nothing else: and they do not even answer his applications. Mrs Landor justifies this on the ground of the impertinence of a letter which she speaks with the ordinary "Dear Arnold" - so writes Mrs Kirkup. This is all very melancholy.

I will add, in reply to your kind inquiries, that my wife, who has been seriously ill, seems slowly but surely regaining strength. She thanks you very sincerely for your sympathy. I must thank you - for Mr Landor is here to dine with her for the first time - though he is protesting against it vehemently in her present state. Please believe me, with unswed regard to your family,
Yours very faithfully,
Robert Browning.

Scilla, Sept. 30. '59. Uncle will be
with us & will be able to take care of us to the Office.

Dear Miss Landor,

I fear you have wondered at my delay in answering your letter of the 15th current: it arose, indeed, from my hope of being able to send you the will duly filled up, signed, & attested - instead of an appearance that I will do so the moment we arrive in Florence. We intended to proceed either to to-morrow - but the continued heat of the weather (mitigated as it is from its except of some weeks ago) induces us to stay a few days longer: we only decided on this to-day. I rather imagine that it will be better to do so in English witnesses - tho' I am not quite sure on this point - I also wish to ascertain (in conformity with your desire) whether any particular formality is requisite to ensure the safe execu-
tion of such a will in Tuscany - I can only name two American friends as witnesses - & - I hardly believe, I suppose, incompetent to do duty both as witness & Executor. It seemed

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Therefore the wise plan is to wait till I could get full information and assistance. But I feel so strongly the necessity of getting the document properly attested, and safely placed in your hands, that I will lose no minute unnecessarily; depend upon it. I have not mentioned the matter to your Uncle - nor shall, until the day I may be able to terminate the whole business: such confidence do I place in his discretion and gentleness when these are appealed to in a kind spirit. It is better, however, to keep such a matter from dwelling on his mind. In the meantime - I can only say that if you will content yourself with my very moderate ability, it is put cheerfully at your disposal. Your sympathy with - & kind construction of - which I do, make the acceptance of such a charge easier than it would otherwise be. You will therefore hear from me again in about a week's time. My address is - Casa Guidi,

Via Maggio, Florence. Letters to your Uncle will be safer & addressed to my care than to the Office.

I have said no word about your re-iterated good-neg. repudiated in terms which I am as much - but far as if I deserved them.

Your Uncle is quite well, quite happy and undisturbed, to all appearance. He takes sufficient exercise and is much stronger than when he arrived here. He is most gentle and affectionate - his spirits also are excellent. we have succeeded in finding him a proper apartment in Florence - but I reserve particular news for my next letter - it is late - & I shall only add that I thank you for your kind congratulations on my wife's recovery - which is confirmed - and that I am ever

Dear Miss Lander,
Yours faithfully,
Robert Browning.

Florence, Casa Guidi, Via Maggio.
Oct. 12. '59.

My dear Miss Landor,

I have written to you two days ago: I procured witnesses yesterday, and have just caused the will to be duly executed in duplicate: I send you the original, and retain a "holograph" copy, or document altogether in the handwriting of the testator, which the law here requires should be specially attested and deposited, as I will eventually inform you. I have at present to beg that you will examine, and, if necessary, correct and return me the original or another copy, which I will cause to be similarly attested in duplicate, and so end the business to your satisfaction. I hope I have done right in the delicate ~~matter~~ of suggesting to your Uncle the proper legatees: I took what must surely be the simplest and best way - indeed the only way; for on my beginning by asking whether he would choose

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any nearer relative, he refused at once. If there should need to be any further distribution of whatever is the property so bequeathed, who will understand like yourselves? I can scarcely hope therefore that you will allow this easy and obvious arrangement to remain.

I only mentioned the matter to your Uncle yesterday: he declared he had never made any will in favor of the Yerombe's - tho' he remembered burning a parcel of what he supposed to be papers of verses &c. He thought it not unlikely that a forgery might have been practised - and was anxious to remedy anything of the kind by taking the step desired. I found him, as usual, most kind, rational and well-disposed. The witnesses you will observe, are Mr Kirkup, his old friend and Mrs Edward Jones; the first gentleman I could find: and I have inserted my own name as Executor according to your desire.

I have just received notice of the arrival of the second quarter's payment: I thus find myself with a considerable sum in hand. It is right just to say, that the balance revertible to you, after your Uncle's expenses are deducted, will be seen in a moment, by my own statement of accounts between us, should my death precede his, though the probabilities are the other way.

Your kindness induces me to add that my wife's health continues to improve - I much fear, however, that we shall be forced to go to Rome for the winter. You may rely upon every care being taken of your Uncle in that case, and that my understanding of his concerns will be in the main as effectual as now: but I shall greatly regret being deprived of the

pleasure of doing, myself, whatever a deput-
e^ty must perform, though just as efficiently.
I shall go under no circumstances before
the final arrangements, ^{on his account} have been made
and I have asured myself of their working
as I wish - and in case of need I will
return in a day to Florence by sea.

Mr Landor is in perfect health and spirits,
he walked with me ^{yesterday} for an hour and a half
at least. He has spent the three last evenings
with us. He is quite comfortable ~~in~~ the
lodgings I have taken for him close by
this place, till his own are vacant, three
weeks hence: and his mind seems absolutely
at ease. Pray believe me, my dear Mrs. Landor,
I propose to send you the first
account at the end of this ^{your} very faithfully ever
months, and the next, two months after,
at the end of December - after which, I will ~~send~~ ^{return} ~~regular~~ quarterly accounts.
The expenses are so little, hitherto, that we should be unable to calculate them
with exactness ~~at~~ circumstances from the present sample only.

Florence, Casa Guidi, Via Maggio.
Nov. 2. '59.

My dear Miss Landor,

I have indeed been stupid to take the model-draft for the will itself, and give you so much trouble in consequence: you must attribute it mainly to my being aware that many important simplifications have taken place in will-making since I resided in England, and ignorant of their precise extent: & then, I was misled by the pencil-indications in the blank spaces. However it is at last set right now (at last - thro' the difficulty of finding another witness, the former one having left Florence) Yours Uncle Hob's graph exactly corresponds in outward fashion with the draft you receive. I hope if there should have crept in any error after all, or if any fresh suggestion should present itself to you; - then with no hesitation on your part in apprising me now or at any future period - for, I do assure you, your Uncle'sreadiness to go thro' the business again was exemplary - and you cannot imagine any trouble in such a proceeding to myself - And to show you that on any point in which I might be seriously troubled, I would promptly and frankly speak out - let me beg you to listen intak: gently to a few words and then dismiss the matter from

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yours mind, as I will soon mind. I conjecture by an expression in yours letter that Mr. Lander has, after all, mentioned a fancy of his which I hoped finally disposed of by the arrangements in the will. Before we left Florence he had wished, in the impulsive way you know, to give me, as a very unnecessary token of his kind feeling, the two or three pictures he still has a power over: I need not tell you, that I did my best to explain to him the impossibility of my accepting them: and whenever he has since occurred to the subject I have repeated that explanation - taking care to leave him in no doubt as to my appreciation of his generosity. When we began upon the provisions of the will, he said "But the pictures are yours" - and I then set, as I believed, the matter at rest. Yet, as he has since written to you about the "final disposal of his property" and as I know he has nobody whatever to whom, rather than yourself and sister, he would bequeath his effects (for I ascertained that, before putting in your names) I can not help, as I do, suspecting that he has indeed been desirous of giving effect to his wish in my

behalf. It would be useless to speak to him further - but I rely on your goodness and regard to my own sense of propriety to consider any such bestowal of his pictures as simply impossible. My whole relation with your uncle would be absolutely spoiled on any other understanding. I will not add a word more - referring what I have unwillingly, tho' of necessity, written - to your sympathy and intelligence - except to beg you will not even reply to what, as a request to your goodness, - you have given me a right to consider granted; - and for the granting which I thank you heartily.

Mr. Lander will go into his new rooms at the end of the week when our preparations shall have been completed. He is very well & in good spirits. You must explain to the Trustees that if he has again applied for money it is entirely thro' his ignorance of the arrangements with me - at least, of their exact nature - he professes, at times, a good-natured anxiety on my account that I should be re-introduced for his expenses in advice (Hibernia) - and it is difficult not to quiet him by informing him that I am actually so. And

I am more and more convinced that it will never do to make him quite aware of his latitude in ways and means. He is bent, for instance, on handing over the first clear surplus money he possesses, to Garibaldi for his purchase of ~~marks~~ and meanwhile is subject to temptation from smoky old pictures of problematic value as signboards. He continues, I observe, in the most complete misconception as to his property in England, and power over it - sometimes saying that he has not a farthing and; a few minutes after, adding that he expects a clear income of so much. Fortunately, however, his thoughts never turn in this direction ~~wholly~~ ^{wholly}, and his cheerfulness never seems affected in any degree by his adopting the one or the other hypothesis. I shall quiet his mind about my own liability, and he will probably cease to concern himself further with money-matters.

I only leave myself room to thank you for your expressions of kindness to my wife: she reciprocates them, as does, very sincerely,
The "accounts" in my next letter: they would take up too much room in this.

Yours, faithfully ever,

Robert Browning,

Rome, Via del Tritone, 28.

Dec. 8. '59.

My dear Miss Landor,

we have been forced, you see, to leave Florence for the winter: I don't think, however, that I have omitted anything necessary to your husband's comfort during my absence. He has now been a month established in his new lodgings: he has a sitting, dining, & bed room, communicating with each other, and a small work-room - all on the first-floor and overlooking a pleasant strip of garden: on the ground-floor are rooms for Mrs Wilson (madame Romagnoli) and a servant. The apartment of Mr Landor is newly furnished, carpeted &c throughout, and he professes himself very satisfied in all respects. His family have returned his fine pictures, and - he declares - about two thirds of the other effects he claims: I am afraid I can help him no farther in that matter. He seems to like Mrs Wilson greatly - but shows occasional irritability at trifles - chiefly occasioned by his own forgetfulness or misconceptions - that no foresight can prevent: but these left happy moments pass, and he

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becomes good-natured as usual: I wish, with all my heart, that I could never leave his elbow, and then when these moments might be spared him: - to me, he is always entirely affectionate & obliging. He promises to write to me every week - Mrs Wilson will also write - and I have arranged with Dr Grisarowsky, a clever and sympathetic acquaintance of his & mine, to as to insure him the promptest attendance in case of need: other friends have engaged to keep him in sight; and, should a necessity arise, I shall be with him in a day. I left him rather the worse from the effects of a cold caught a fortnight ago. He reads & writes as usual - you may have seen a letter he addressed to the Times? To my sorrow, he has been laying out some dozen pounds on pictures - repairing & framing a sad dash - about which he would hear no censurability: but, as he told me, that expence was incurred under the belief that his family would restore him a sufficient balance on his account, and that he might dispose of his plate; I advised the master, with a prudent admonition, and he assured me he should do nothing so remissive for the future. He is a little more fidgety and exacting about the quality of his dinners than I had done: - then - changing his tastes, and forgetting his own orders at the critical moment: but his appetite is very delicate & un-

turn and we are bound to entice it if we can.

As soon as I received your intimation that the will was correct in point of English law, & I proceeded to get the duplicate property disposed of according to Tuscan usage. This was accordingly attested by two Tuscan witnesses (my servants) and certified valid by two notaries, and by them deposited in the archives, at Oz San Michele. The notations - (no alteration, what was) absolutely required were the words "in my apartment in Via Nunziatina, Florence" after the concluding date - and, after the final signature, the words "exercising no profession" - I cannot think these superfluous additions will in any degree damage the English duplicate - the law's action being "plus non vitiat" or too much does no harm - moreover they are not inserted in the body of the will: the want of them, however, would have invalidated the instrument. I suspect, kindly, that this English will be that which goes eventually act upon.

I think, after the my promises, I shall wait till the end of the month before I transmit you our account - as with the added experience of the last weeks, we shall be able to calculate better future expenses, and the quarters will fall into their natural places.

My wife has borne the six days' journey better than I was entitled to hope: she is established in sunny rooms now, and feels stronger. Her true regard goes to you with that of your very faithfully, Robert Browning.

Rome, Via Felice 126. Jan. 28. '61.

My dear Miss Landon,

Please, forgive & understand the reason of the long delay in replying to your letter of the 15th ult - you must know how its kindred affected me: but I wanted to procure for you, if possible, one of the little whitish pamphlets which have been giving you so much annoyance, & here it is at last: we have moreover only a monthly courier now (by whose intervention I send this) & the post is hardly safe for a bulky letter. yet the delay has been the more vexatious inasmuch as I think I can set some of your fears at rest. The pamphlet was never printed in Florence; but in London soon after your Uncle's return to his family at Pistoia: I found in the note of expenses incurred by him during his stay, furnished me, at his desire, by Mrs Lander, - the particular cost of printing the thing. I suppose they could not prevent it - but it was done there. He used to give copies to any acquaintance or stranger, - a friend of my own, for instance, after five minutes' talk with him. His constant desire was to get a reprint circulated in America, and he applied for that purpose to two persons, each of whom I was able to convince easily enough of the true difference, instead of fear, they would inflict on Mrs Lander by accepting his commission: last year however, Mr Fields foolishly promised to "gratify him" - informing me afterwards that he would take care nothing from either was done in the matter - so I understood him - but he sent six copies in very deed, with a note to myself bidding me have no apprehension for this was simply done to quiet your Uncle - perhaps, to prevent his attacking anybody else with his solicitations. I fancy one of them must be the copy sent to your "nihilious person" - I posse a second - and here is a third received from the hands of a friend. I have sent the advertisement to Fields, as the best example of what harm his complaisance may do, and trust there will be no repetition of the great mistake. I do not believe your Uncle is writing, or has written anything on the subject of any other grievance, at least with a view to publication; nothing of kind you allude to, concerning Mrs Fowler or yourself: it is possible he may have communicated his impressions & hallucinations by letter to English or American

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correspondents, but not in the formal way of a statement: the indications I alluded to were rather literary ones - the young M. S. S. x corrected copies of his works to the first copies as a child distributes his toys - and the really lamentable desire for seeing himself in print which makes him write & send off to no matter what trumpery journal the nastiest sheet of paper of his taken & vicious political controversy - or, - what I hardly like better - some merely literary dialogue, hopefully enough, but also surely inferior (and so, injurious to the effect of) the production of his better day. There is no know⁶ in me, nor anybody, to stop this - for he writes and posts and prints altogether, and when the result is returned to him weeks after, nobody is more surprised than himself. He wrote to me two days ago that he had done nothing whatever lately "except composing a dialogue about John of Arc which he has sent to Mrs. Linton" (late Miss Lyons) "to do as she pleases with it - probably it may appear in some periodical within a fortnight" "probably," and he never showed me a line without adding that it was the last he should ever write. The pamphlet he pointed lately, to my extreme amazement, was only an Italian translation of his own dialogue between Justine and his master. ^(too long trouble of your letter) This was never got written - and this was managed for him entirely by his friend Walker - all but the paying for it, which you will observe by the sum in the account which I enclose. It is not altogether so safe, factory to me, the expenditure having exceeded my proper allowance for the half year: this is attributable to his London purchases of more pictures and frames - the last, he speaks me impractically - and still more to the prolonged visit of his master, who came in complete ignorance of his arrangements and found real difficulty in being allowed to leave at last. Of one thing you may be sure; your much is not disposed to decay him with any addition to his comforts: he goes to his health content, spends no little of his time in correcting his tail, and makes me laugh when I remember his protestant contempt with a single dish - a good deal of expense was incurred too by his accompanying us to Sicily; but in the summer he is able to go out often, and I rarely could not venture to leave him behind; he recked the charge of his a plenty kindly, and I think the moral effect has been good also. But I will take no

that we proceed more moderately next half year. For the rest, his health is excellent, he gets on well with Mad^e Rodriguez (who, in turn, reports very favorably of him to me) and, as luck will have it, the maid of the house is in high favor not undeservedly - so much so, that on Christmas Day, her Parents and sisters had the honor of dinner with the Land^r - merrily & well! He writes to me in his usual good spirits about Admiral Ericson & the Cleopatra Fleet, gives me a Latin epigram and says himself "the old grey beard L" And all this alloy goes with some of the rarest a pure intellectual gold that ever was transmuted to man in the shape of a talent! accompanied by not a few jewels as precious, fine & high contrasts, zeal for the right, dauntless generosity: the purity of it all!

Thank you heartily for your sympathy with my wife: the loss of her sister was hard to bear, but she is recovering in a measure; indeed, beyond what I venture to expect: the physical weakness is painful indeed, and helps the mental depression too much, but as the weather grows milder I shall hope for improvement in that respect also. We have had fine weather lately, never any of your strange cold, of which the newspaper give us daily notice, only wet (and warm) weather at the beginning - and a touch of remontane allured by plentiful sunshine at this the end (as at just²) of a Pisan winter. I had a kind & pleasant letter from Mr. Foster a fortnight ago. - he has recovered from his attack of idleness & is at present quite well. Please accept the kind regard of my wife - I shall say Mrs. - my own & yours. Of course you will like me freely, always ready: nothing that occurs to you as within my power to amend in the various points of our house keeping: on my side, I will do all I can to check any fresh indiscipline: one does it by asking "Is it worth while, this, for a man fresh induction: one does it by asking "Is it worth while, this, for a man like you to contend a master with people such as you describe?" but I should always be here - unfortunately, failing or succeeding, however, I am ever, & my most faithfully
Robert Browning.

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I will prepare the account by mentioning that the currency in France being changed last summer, and the Italian Lira (or French Franc) having taken the place of the old Poul, I give the expenditure according to you, if you please, that 56 centimes make a franc: of course, 100 centimes make a lira or franc, as in France. I shall reduce the amount into the old currency, in order to enable you to compare it with the previous account; and beside, the bankers continue the old currency, whatever may be the reason.

I could not do otherwise than pay Mad^e Romagnoli for the rooms which were unoccupied during the visit to Siena - letting them to anybody else would have been out of the question, and up to the last moment Mrs Landor was bent on leaving Mrs R. and going to Siena en garde - an impossible arrangement. Her own health was improved by the change - another consideration, for I was beginning to fear she would be unable to continue her services.

I may also mention that the various entries for portages and the like, by no means account for all expenses of that nature, which are regularly included in the weekly Bill; but exceptional disturbances of my own, - as when, for instance, I have taken letters to the post &c Mr Landor demands, & promptly, whatever he wants - and is only obstinate in refusing to want certain articles, a new hat for example, which no entreaty or mine can induce him to substitute for an old one. After all, let us be content with what we receive; tho' it be not altogether perfect; for he is truly difficult to manage & judge by an incident which occurs to me - he left Siena & travelled to Florence amidst his repeated assurances that he had never been so happy in his life; all their own attentions &c On arriving at night, I left him in the carriage for a few minutes in order to help the servant to carry my wife upstairs - she being utterly exhausted and very ill. On returning as fast as I could, merely from the landing on the first floor, I found no Mrs Landor! He had either in impatience or pique at being left for three or four minutes, jumped out & proceeded by himself to his own house in the dark - really by a dangerous bye-lane: I met with him at his door, after a short time. Yet he knew we had prepared refreshment for him, and never would suffer him to leave our house unaccompanied. He said, we must have been wanted for Mrs B. &c &c

Florence, July 6. '61.

My dear Miss Lander,

It is probable you have already in some way been apprised of the calamity that has befallen me: my wife died a week ago. I have been unable to see even your Uncle yet - your letter, however, reminds me of my duty & you - or rather of the apprehension that this news may cause you lest fresh trouble arise from this grave change in my life; I shall therefore therefore to say that I hope there needs follow no material inconvenience to you nor to your Uncle from my next step - which will be to leave Italy at once; the object of my fifteen years stay being gone. I go in a few days to Paris and eventually to England, leaving to occupy myself with the education of my child. I shall best deserve all the confidence of your family, by speaking as plainly and intelligibly as I can (for I have difficulty in speaking at all) and giving you the results of my two years' experience of the best course to be taken with your Uncle - it would be affectation and unorthodoxy to pretend any uncertainty on my part - on the other hand, you will decide as you judge best and behave perfectly in every event. It will be for the best then that all my arrangements continue, that I communicate with my Banker and Mad: Romagnoli, and occasionally with Mrs Lander: he cannot be treated more advantageously than he is, nor do I believe that a person to replace Mad: R. could be found. I know no one here who would be able or willing to take my own place and implement your Uncle

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- no one who has sufficient interest in him to go thro' the preliminaries of obtaining his respect - for lover's sake, at least: I think I have enough influence to manage him from Paris as from Rome, in virtue of the habit of acquiring, in my arrangements which two years have induced. His family, I am told, are desirous of taking him back: I see none of them, and can only, give you my confidential & honest advice never to allow it - which is the same as saying, never to place his allowance in their hands and leave them to administer it as they please: he would not stay with them a week, if escape were possible, and his violence would soon furnish them with excuse for making it impossible. without the allowance, they will undertake nothing of course. I am far from guaranteeing the success of my own plan: the serious responsibility and not inconsiderable increase of trouble to myself may all be in pure waste - but there is a chance of his continuing to be comfortable in the enjoyment of your Committee, - and, as far as his doing so under any other conditions, I do believe. As to poor Ned: - I suspect my knowledge of him is already in advance of yours, for you feared he might have been painlessly excreted by the communication of his Brothers: he assured he was quite ruined and put in spirits by the notion of having nearly played a trick which might have been mucipal, and of its all ending in the schoolmaster more upbraided - nor was there one particle of uncertainty in his excuse to you or pro-

visions of contentment to me: he protested most earnestly that he wanted nothing, had wanted nothing, and should require nothing till I don't know when - and, now he knew whence his money came exclusively, would behave to perfection - and yet, a week after, there was put into my hands a fresh and augmented letter and label about the yesterdays which he had intrusted a friend to order to printed in America at his expense - he requiring "only twenty copies" - now he knew that he had no means of his own of doing this, and that, once the publication effected, all he cared about, the money would have to come from his brother whom interests he was so chary of infringing upon - and through my help, whom he was all gratitude to and who would be infinitely annoyed by the success of his cause: the last friend brought the letter to me, fortunately - and with always take these fireworks out of his fingers when he will let us - so what should we gain by her moving his quarters as you seem to desire etc? Poor Danbor must have some pretty girl to devote himself to and some buckled ordinary woman to tease - the taking daily meal and drink: factoring a good, conscientious person like the lady we refer to, he would cultivate the kitchen: - without fact, he was disconcerting undeveloped worlds of worthless the poor little "donna di faccenda" and corresponding infantries in Mme. Romagnoli's treatment of her, when this brightie vision engaged his thoughts. Don't call me harsh this time - dear Miss Danbor - the state of my mind permits me neither to gloss over the truth nor to feel any thing but infinite pity for it, sincere & without be of use or done

as I may: there is partly infirmity, tendency to excuse this and that - but I much fear there is a taking advantage of these for to pretext and excuse: I shall never mention the matter to him - for he would have "forgotten all about it" - about its being wrong, about his promising - in short, it would be all the tactics of a child employed by one of the rare and true men of Genius!

Still the cub is - on the whole I can do far more with him than anybody else - shall I try and continue, even at a distance?

There are ~~foolish~~ who will stand quiet at the voice of the groom - when a stranger finds it hard to hold them by the bridle. I will enclose you the note he sent me two days ago, to show you how we stand up to nearly the last minute: very likely when my back is turned he may express himself less favorably: I have just the same earnest desire to serve him that I had two years ago. I have material interests in Tuscany, bounded property etc and must continue my relations with the Bunker & others but it is utterly out of the question that I should remain there a minute longer than I can help. You will wish, if you please,

to me care of Miss Browning, 151. Rue de Grenelle, St Germain, Paris". I have no time to wait your answer, nor indeed is it necessary: you can approve (as I suppose you will) or not, and be equally sure of my assistance to the last. I cannot re-read this letter, which must read as strangely as my feeling in writing it is strange. You will understand and sympathize with me I know: pray excuse me also to your uncles, if it is necessary to communicate with them. Faithfully yours, dear Uncle John, Cora Mrs Empson; - I am sorry for him, too. Robert Browning.

19. Warwick Crescent,
Upper Westbourne Terrace
Jan 12. '64.

My dear Miss Landor, my regards had already met
I submit again the accounts - which
convinced, I think, satisfactory. Mr Landor would ap-
pear, however, to be rather weak with Lumbago -
he is unable to get up, or dress himself without assis-
-tance: though Mrs^{es} Romagnoli hopes that this
will go off - she is embarrassed by the departure of her
husband for Rome - the said Husband's strength
having been put into requisition to this difficulty;
I have directed her to get assistance if the necessary
nursing be too much for her without it. I hope
that with the better weather amelioration will follow.
Mr Landor was so well a few weeks ago, that
I thought it of little use to write. Indeed there
was rather formidable activity at one time,
about the publication of those "Jottings" - and the
misapprehensions attending it, as usual - out
of all troubles, never the less, we are now got, I
believe, Mr Mickleton having helped energetically.

Caption: 1864 Jan 12

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I will not give you the Kentucky particulars - suffice it that at present Mr. Wickliffe is the man - (I wish Mr. Lander had always judged or specified so accurately!) poor Mr. Walker is, never mind what! - and, mind: - culminating fact of all, Mr. Foster is in favour again, for as good reason as ever he was out of favour: - fortunately, am when I was! The Book is really a wonderful one, and I delight in seeing the acknowledgment of its rare qualities in reviews which will give the author pleasure, whatever he may protest.

I should - or, should I? tell you that an infamous letter
of abuse was sent lately to Mr L. - probably from
the old enemy at Bath: it was beneath notice,
and only should be mentioned or remembered as illus-
trative of this writer's true character.

I trust that your winter enjoy tolerable health; that yourself and your wife are well in every way. Give my true respects and regards to one & all - and believe me ever most faithfully yours

Robert Browning

1863.	Mr. Sanders account	Live. antesine.
June 27.	(Omitted in last account) expenses	34. 82.
July 5.	weekly expenses.	56. 08
13.	do	30. 05
19.	do	32. 22
26.	do	32. 69.
30.	Rent (at board) J. A.	17.2.
do	Service	7.2.
August 1.	weekly expenses	37. 41
8.	do	36. 22.
15.	do	26. 62
22.	do	30. 77
31.	Rent	112. .
do	Service	70. .
Sept 1.	weekly expenses	52. 46
7.	do.	50. 78.
14.	do	28. 74
21.	do	32. 10.
28.	do	43. 18.
30.	Rent	112. .
do	S. S. Service	70. .
Oct 5.	weekly expenses	65. 23.
12.	do	40. 03
18.	do	32. 97

Oct 25.	Weekly expenses	39. 92.
58 31.	Rent	112.
"	Service	70.
Nov. 1.	Weekly expenses	34. 88.
8.	do	52. 32.
16.	do	42. 54.
22.	do (wood &c)	77. 10.
29.	do	45. 95.
30.	Rent	112.
"	Service	70.
Dec 7.	Account, curtains & wood	147. 47. 0
13.	do	40. 10.
20.	do	73. 47.
27.	do	43. 99.
31.	Rent	112.
"	Service	70.
Total,		<u>2351. 11</u>
equal, at 25 = £1. to £.94. 2. 1		
Expenditure on ac't of Mr. Dandor -		£. 5. 2
In Hand from last account		91. 2.
Recd. July. 50		<u>191. 2. 0</u>
Oct. 50		
On Hand,		97. 1. 11
<p>0 This expenditure was authorized by me - Mr. Dandor had a fancy for some lined moorish curtains, in place Jan. 12. 1864, of them in use, to be paid for by himself - and I said no objection & they are said to prove very nice & comfortable.</p>		

Caption: 1864 Aug 19
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Maison Isabelline, Cambo près Bayonne,
Aug. 19. 64 (Basses Pyrénées.)

My dear Miss Lander,

I was surprised indeed to hear from you that Mr Lander had changed his apartment - it being altogether at variance with my own report: I wrote at once to Florence, and have only just now got an answer - delayed by my own moving from place to place. Madame Romagnoli assures me that it is a mistake arising from the alteration of the name of the street and number of the house - the proper address being now, 93, Via della Chiesa. She adds that, although settled for another half-year, she may be obliged to change after all for various reasons given in a letter to my Town agent - i.e., before she was instructed to write to Paris: nothing is sent me from London. I shall inform myself properly

Caption: 1864 Aug 19
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about this - but was anxious to let you know at once that there had been no step taken without my knowledge. Made R. endeavor to me the receipt of the rent, including the eight additional dollars per annum, - with which I shall not trouble you. Mr. Lander seems to be very well, though surely deaf.

I shall remain here till Sept. 13.

I trust your Uncle continue in good or ameliorated health. My father is even younger than last year, and has been enjoying the journey so far. This is a pretty place, an easy walk from Spain: we could get no rent to the value of one florin at Encachon, La Costa de Bush Biarritz, nor Saint Jean de Luz - but hope to pass two or three weeks at this last, when the visitors shall have withdrawn: the crowds at every sea-side

and place are portentous.

With kindest remembrance to your sister, and in regard to your Uncle,
ever faithfully yours
Robert Browning.

Maison Gastonbide, Plage des Basques,
Biarritz, Bases Pyrénées.
Sept. 25. '64.

Dear Miss Lander,

You will in all likelihood have been informed before this can reach you, of what, by some delay, is only this moment communicated to me in a letter from Mme Romagnoli -

the news of the release of poor Mr Lander from all further pain and trouble on the 17th at or about 12 o'clock: he had been more than usually unwell this last week, but would not see a doctor till yesterday: Dr Wilson is in Germany, so we got Dr Frazer - but he continued to grow worse, could not swallow any thing, and this morning, in the most quiet, tranquil way, departed this life. His sons have come and ordered the funeral and I sent Ferdinand to Count Cottrell: I believe he will be buried on Monday ^{15th} These words

Caption: 1864 Sep 25
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are all that she writes at present. What can I add to them?

I am supposing that there is no danger of any shock to you from my communicating the news as abruptly as I have done - it cannot well be that you are thus long in ignorance of it. My letter was even kept here in the town four & twenty hours (I see by the post-mark) before delivery.

I am really too full of the many thoughts that are borne in upon me by this event, to say anything about it. It is one of the most gifted souls the world ever produced that has thus passed away; all the weaknesses drop at once, and what grandeur remains!

I shall write immediately to Florence, and whatever I learn, you ^{may} depend upon

receiving Mr Landor's will, ^(of which Mr. Landor of Bury has a duplicate, executed in English form) the only real one, is to be found where I caused it to be deposited according to Tuscan Law. I left a memorandum on the subject with my friend Costello, - to whom Mrs. R. has had recourse, as I directed. A fantastic "will" - of no value - was sent to me two years ago; I kept it, since it was called a will, - and you shall have it on my return to London which will be in about a fortnight. I will endeavour to close my accounts, and settle with you as soon as possible: I dare say there will be calls on us, even yet, for the last expenses.

How earnestly I hope that this passage out of darkness and decay into light and life will not pass heavily upon those noble relatives who have deserved that

reward which their own consciousness will at once supply. Appear them of my deep sympathy, however unnecessary the appearance; and you, dear Miss Landor, with your sister, will understand what a pride it ~~must~~ ever be to me that I have been associated so long with your feelings, and instrumental in the communication of so much kindness. You must employ me to the end if you think I can be of the slightest further service, - that I scarcely need say.

I have said, I think, that I stay here in all probability till Oct. 6th - then return to Paris (151. Rue de Grenelle, Tamb³ Et⁴ Germain) and finally to London, 69 warwick Crescent, Upper West: (bowme terrace,) about a week after your next full gathering.

Biarritz, Oct. 3. '64.

My dear Miss Lander,

Thank you heartily for your letter. I was doubtful whether I should transmit at once the scanty intelligence contained in a second letter from Madame Romagnuoli, or wait till the answer to my own enquiries shall arrive - but that may not happen till I get to Paris or London. Her words are, "Mrs Lander was buried on Monday" (19th Sept) "his two sons only were here to take him to his resting-place, and his son Walter said he would see to the expenses of the funeral. I have seen neither Count Colwell nor Brin" (the Banker) "and when Ferdinand took the paper" (my memorandum of the existence and deposition of the will) "to C. Colwell, he said it would be better he gave it to his son, which he did. Since the funeral I have seen no one. What is to be done with the Pictures here, and a Drawer, which is sealed, with little in it except the watch and last writings?"

Caption: 1864 Oct 3

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I can only account for this strange and unseemly absence of friends at the ceremony by supposing that most of them were away from the town at the time, and that the event was slow in coming to their knowledge: it struck me painfully. Mad^d Romagnani adds "Poor old man - it is a loss it true - but as it was, no one could wish him to remain: he did not seem to enjoy anything, and was so deaf that he could hear nothing; but at the last he was very patient." Madame R. and her husband, and occasionally the Porter, sat up with the Landlord by turns; his sons were constant in their attendance, and there is no cause for regret on that score, happily.

Mr Landor's last note to me bears the postmark of Aug: 18: he was misunderstanding the wish of the Landlord to resume the occupation of his apartments, and stated energetically that he would not leave them. I desired Mad^d R. to bring the Landlord to any terms and secure

a quiet possession for the next six months at least; this was done - I suppose by the usual persuasive - and I am apprehensive from what she says, that the apartment (a word I never spell rightly now) may remain on her hands, which would be embarrassing under present circumstances. I have advised her to try and get out of her bargain with as little loss as possible, and to give me as soon as convenient a detailed account of all expenses, which I will repay, and then return you the residue of our funds, which you know is no inconsiderable sum. The next quarter is \$50 which is altogether unnecessary, and should be returned at once. I shall mention to Mad^d R. the kind feeling of your family for her - I know she has been indefatigable in her services, and believe that in the main they were much fat in lightening the heavy load of those last years.

The will is liable to be carried into effect by the authorities in Florence, I believe: the family will probably communicate with you on the subject. It is perhaps proper to repeat that I absolutely decline receiving any legacy of Pictures, or any article of value whatever, and transfer my right in such legacy to yourself and your sister: the only exception I should make would be in the case of any MSS. or valuable books which the testator may have assigned to me from quite other motives, to preserve, or examine, or destroy. I remember that it was impossible to prevent the insertion of some such clause in the will, and that I explained its appearance to you at the time.

I beg to offer my deep sympathy to your uncles, and to assure them that, whatever my endeavours may be worth, they command them now and always. I leave this place on the 7th inst. and hope to be in London by the 13th. ever faithfully yours, Peter Brown.

London, 19. Warwick Crescent, Westmoreland.

Oct 12. '64

Dear Miss Louisa

I am afraid last night - I confess to some anxiety - spite of all your kind representation - I finish the business - part of our relation, and rest in upon quiet memories of all that is now the Past. I had received a letter from Mme. Romagnoli - from which I make the following extract in a beginning. "I received yours two letters which were a great comfort to me, for I did not know what to do, and no one seemed, or cared, to take any part in poor Mr. L's affairs here, what I have done is certainly not a great deal, but is enough to keep the rooms unoccupied." (i.e. the property would be in the way of any tenant who might otherwise take the rooms) "His two sons came on Monday just as I had received your letter, and they would have taken away some things which he had given them - but on reading yours letter they let them remain." (i.e. my letter mentioned the existence of a regular will) "Mr. Walter says the large closed picture he gave to him. They have closed and sealed a drawer with his watch and his last writings - which cannot be much, as he was very unable to write at last. He sent his desk to Mr. Walker at 22 Langham Place." (This was last year) "Mr. Walter L. said, to open the will here would cost a great deal of trouble and expence, which he did not care to have: but he would like very much if he could see a copy of the one in England." (This is simply refusing to go to the proper place and get it - at no expence whatever, I believe. What is to be done? You can act upon the English will, having always the Tuscan duplicate to confirm it, if requisite. I really forget what was requested, but have little doubt that everything but a few of the pictures is long since in other hands. I enclose the informal will subsequently sent to me) "I have had the Tappezziere to see and make a calculation of the damage done to the furniture and carpets - which I enclose" (This I desire should be done, and I send it - a moderate one, all the articles having been new at the time of occupation, and good of that kind.) She then gives the closing account, including all expences I know of - not however charging as usual for "service" - I suppose in consequence of the month being incomplete. It results from these

account, which I also enclose, that I now hold of yours £94. 2. 5. quite apart from the £50 in Mr Foster's hands, of course. And this is at your disposal immediately.

With respect to Mrs. Romagnoli - what was your kindest pleasure to do will be well done and gratefully accepted. The circumstances make what she entered on her charge, and which you inquire about, very clear. She had married a servant of ours, Ferdinando, and with his savings & her own, had taken and furnished a lodgings in the next house to ours Guidi. - Ferdinando remaining with us, while she lived in the apartment, with her younger child, managed the letting &c, and in most cases made herself useful to the lodgers. When it became necessary to find some guarantees, I could not find any person, or even think of any person to fit, in the practical points of integrity and gentleness, for our purpose as this - and I induced her to leave the profits of the superintendent - part of the business - up to her husband; who should have leave to attend to it as much as he pleased - and give her whole attention to Mr L: she therefore took the rooms she now occupies, furnished them, and managed very well till my own misfortune made me leave Florence: Ferdinando had to enter other services, and her lodgings-letting was henceforth performed by deputy, and was given up at last. She proposes now to do the best she may with the rooms she cannot quit for the next six months - but I much fear that the out-of-the-way situation will be disadvantageous. All this is spoken in pure evidence to your express desire: I think she has done well, and know that it has been, at all events, her best - but your remuneration has been very inadequate, and I never have heard a breathless murmur about harder times or "greater trials" - nothing but the severest sense of your goodness. She has now both children 5 days - with her; and I fear with her somewhat of a battle to fight.

I find here also a letter written two months ago by Mr Kirkup containing some particulars that I will communicate when we meet - which, I am most happy to find, will be very soon. These particulars relate to some supposed interests of Miss Landor

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- Miss Julia Sanders - which the writer thinks are affected by her relatives hearing a wrong account of the cause of the quarrel between her father & herself: R. writer, in his generous way, for the truth's sake, as he imagines it. But it is a matter that can well wait, and infinitely better be talked over than written about.

And now, in my turn, let me beg you, dear Miss Sanders, not to be in the least hasty in coming to a decision about the matter treated of in my letter - for you must not catch a nervous, hasty way from this of mine. In fact, I wanted to put you in a position of being able to take things quietly, carries over table, and figures on paper. Besides, I have always - you must allow me to say; & that, in spite of your generous appearance, always considered myself the obliged person in our relations; trusted wholly, when very imperfectly known, and extraordinarily privileged from first to last: for you were in that informal paper, & remembered me - also I opened yesterday a scrap of a few lines - sent me! I left England - knowing that the old feeling remained.

Yours very faithfully

Robert Browning

See how I have scuttled this foolish letter - on the wrong notes of the chart - you must understand & forgive! A letter from writer, full of his good, warm heart, was also waiting -

I had forgotten an item: somewhere in my accounts, for and against me, should figure the Pictura, "The Michelangelo" - &c. I hold it, or let it alone, but will append the particulars, for form-sake.



19. warwick crescent
Upper Westbourne terr:
Nov. 4. '64

Dear Miss Lander,

I heard last night from Mrs. Romaguere much in reply to my letter: - the Banker does not reply yet - I suppose, needing to get the balance of the will settled first. You will find, however, that we might have almost spared him the trouble. Mrs. R. writes that "Mr L's son has some writing of his father's last wishes, and all the remaining things here were left to them - which they came and took away, and gave me a receipt which I enclose to you" - and which I re-enclose to you. It is a very characteristic procedure, and quite explains the difficulty appre-

Caption: 1864 Nov 4
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handed in obtaining the will. After all, these gentlemen know that their names are appended at least to the ~~informal will~~ ^{informal will}. Mrs. R. adds "I have the custard which was bought last winter for Mr. L: also two candle-sticks, - they were in the Bank accounts." (Why did not these valuables follow "Mattress, bolster and quilt"?)

She says "All Mr. L's accounts are closed, that I know of, but Doctor Almanze (?) whom I paid 2 dollars for his last two visits. I met him some days afterward, and he said there were other 6 visits: how this was, I will tell you. He was sent by Mrs. West, as her doctor, to see Mr. L: the first visit, Mr. L. asked me for a dollar for him: but not on the other visits; and I did not know exactly how they were meant. Depend

on it, there will be no interference of the family here! I mean "la famiglia".

Mrs. R. receives with the utmost gratitude my intimation that the family - proper will express their satisfaction at her endowment by mine much present as you so generously signified. She shall receive it as soon as Brini's accounts arrive.

Forster will have written to you about the Piano: I only hope you have got it by this time - for, as I found somewhat to your cost, ~~they~~ had been obliged to cut a new front instead of simply changing the side of the old one; ~~they~~

that they would otherwise make a bad job
of it - whence an impossibility of allow-
ing more than 2 1/2 per cent. discount.

My own piano cost £110 - less 20 per cent,
as in your case, and 5 per cent discount:
- for which I contended, but in vain,
under the different circumstances.

I trust you got home safely and
found your relatives in good health:
it was very pleasant to see you here,
- you must remember that whenever
in the mood to gratify one warm-
hearted friend.

With true regards to Mr Landor,
Very faithfully yours
R. Browning

19. Warwick Crescent
Upper Westbourne Terrace, W
Dec 2. '64.

My dear Miss Lander.

At last I have received the copy of the will for which my banker was instructed to apply: the fact of its having been translated; as well as the other formalities of which you will observe vouchers in plenty; accounts for the delay, I suppose. The cost of the whole proves to be - not 36 sudi, according to Mrs Lander's complaint to Mr Kirkup - but ~~line. costs~~^{line. costs} 14: she certainly cannot have paid a farthing more than Mr Brins. You now have ~~the~~ virtually the document itself - and can send it to Mrs R. Lander, who may act upon it forthwith. It is, as you know, an exact duplicate of the English will, and plain enough in its directions.

On receiving your letter of the 29th. I wrote at once to Madame Romagnoli, apprising her of your kind, most generous desire with respect to the residue of the money in my hands. I had before informed her (you may remember) that some such acknow-
-ledgement was intended - and she made me thank you most gratefully: but she went on to say that for various reasons she was doubtful whether

Caption: 1864 Dec 2

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it would not be better, in the interest of her boys, to return to England where her sisters are respectably established, - and that, should the desire on this, I must keep the money till she requires it. I have now written to tell her - first, to settle the account with the Doctor if still out-standing; and then, - the probable sum which your ^{Uncle} M^r fiancee conveys upon her: adding, of course, that it is at her disposal from that moment, but that whenever she does receive it; she must report the sum to you. She is probably tired of lodgings - letting, and anxious that Prestes and Rylands (as the couple were christened to the management of the Northern Clergyman) should be as English as may be. Her Husband, honest and good-natured, has been unfitness, I fear, by so many years of service, for doing much towards the maintenance of his family, though quite able to keep himself as before.

I will deduct the expenses of the will from

Name: Received a Picture. Expenses incurred
Cost of Picture from Horne, per Bill - £ 13. 4
Carriage - 1. 0
Carpenter's Bill, unpacking & putting - 2. 6
In Advance, packing & carriage
to Rylands (28 miles) 2. 6

5. 19. 4

[Receipt verso-p. 3]

Caption: 1864 Dec 2

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1864. Account.

July 1.	Extra-wash, omitted last March	Lire Italiane
	"Eight Francsone" - about	40.00
"	Weekly 8 th pence	32.62
11.	do	38.28
17.	do	29.24
23.	do	32.68
31.	Rent	112.00
"	Service	70.00
Aug 1.	Expenses	48.51
7.	do	37.48
14.	do	32.47
22.	do	29.96
29.	do	34.84
31.	Rent	112.00
"	Service	70.00
Sept 1.	Expenses	53.62
12.	do	49.70
Oct. 3.	Expenses	171.73
"	Apartment	112.00
	Estimated damage to furniture	254.00
On hand June 30.	98.11.5	
Recd. July 1.	50.0.0	<u>1361.13</u>
	148.11.5	Lire I.
Subs. and	54.9.0	<u>1361.13</u>
	<u>94.2.5</u>	

the money in my hands. I meant also to deduct those of the Picture; but on my sending the Packers' Bill to your Uncle, he returned it with a request that I would send also the note of expenses apposited, that he might pay both at once by a single order to me. I had not alluded to the latter; - but it seemed that I should spare trouble by complying. I have accordingly received the 5.19.4 mentioned in my account. I received also a second letter from Mr Landor - one of those Landorian letters, of which I really think the secret will die with the family (may the omen be avested!) - quite enough to light up a life with the effulgence from such nobility of nature. I hesitate to speak of your letters, dear Miss Landor, - but you can have no objection to a proper estimate of those of your Uncle.

Ever gratefully and faithfully yours
Robert Browning

I rejoice at Mr Henry Landor's improved health and beg to be most kindly remembered to him.

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Caption: 1864 Dec 2

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Caption: [MS notes concerning correspondence]

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W.S. Handor & Browning

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H. C. Minchin prints in W.S. Handor the Handor - Browning letters from the Baylor library. His transcriptions are incomplete, his editing is inadequate, his book is a jumble.

J. M. O. has ①. W.S. Handor - Henry Handor (brother) letters, most of which date before 1859.

② Browning - Sophia Handor letters, concerning Browning's management of Handor's affairs, 1859 - 1864. These are not complete; the most numerous batch relates to the winding up of affairs after Handor's death in 1864. Nevertheless, they dovetail well with the Handor - Browning letters, and supply new information.

For a complete picture of events, it would be necessary to consult the Correspondence of Browning, Mrs Browning and Browning's friends who visited Handor in Florence.

only two JMO letters make direct reference to a letter Minchin prints.

→ p111 Handor to Browning, 22 January, 1861 is referred to in Browning to Sophia Handor, 28 Jan, 1861 (JMO 7)
"He writes to me in his usual good spirits about Admiral Eskine & the Channel Fleet, gives me a hasty epitaph & signs himself the 'old Greybeard L'.

→ p127 Sophia Handor to Browning, 20 May 1861, is answered by Browning to Sophia Handor, 6 July, 1861. (JMO 8)

Minchin Browning letters referring to material now with JMO
→ p115 Handor to Browning, 9, ^{March} 1861. - one of Handor's letters to Henry Handor mentioned is with JMO.

→ p152 Handor to Browning, 13 November, 1862 - the proposed will, in Handor's autograph, dated 23 December, 1862 is with the JMO papers

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Caption: [MS notes concerning correspondence]

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also Browning - Sophia Landor AHS (Jmo 12)
3 October, 1864 refers to a note from Browning
NOT in Munchin

"Mr Landor's last note to me bears the
postmark of Aug 18: he was misunderstanding the wish of
the landlord to resume the occupation of his apartment;
and stated energetically that he would not leave them."

Caption: [MS notes concerning correspondence]

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W.S. Handel - Browning letters printed by H.C. Minchin
 "Walter Savage Handel"
 [dated from postmark] London, 1934.

p. 17.	March, 1840
p 18	12 November, 1845
p 21	— 1846
p 28	27 July, 1859
p 32	autumn, 1859
p 35	early December, 1859
p 37	early December, 1859
p 41	late December, 1859
p 45	1 January, 1860
p 46	January, 1860
p 65	— 1860
p 67	— 1860
p 69	early January, 1860
p 70	10 January, 1860
p 72	January, 1860
p 75	19 January, 1860
p 79	11 February, 1860
p 83	11 February, 1860
p 89	18 March, 1860
p 92	2 April, 1860
p 94	mid April, 1860
p 96	22 April, 1860
p 99	1 May, 1860
p 100	15 May, 1860
p 102/3	May, 1860
p 106	1 December, 1860
p 109	late December, 1860
p 110	early 1861
p 111	22 January 1861
p 114	late January, 1861
p 115	9 March 1861
also p 115	9 March 1861
p 117	mid March 1861
p 119	mid March 1861
p 120	— 1861

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p122 - early April, 1861
p123 April, 1861
p124 17 April, 1861
p124 April, 1861
p131 June, 1861
p131 2 July, 1861
p132 July, 1861
p132 30 July, 1861
p133 28 August, 1861
p136 27 October, 1861
p136 23 November, 1861
p140 24 December, 1861
p142 22 January, 1862
p144 2 February, 1862
p144 Feb., 1862
p146 28 February, 1862
p148 24 April, 1862
p150 25 May, 1862
p152 13 November, 1862
p154 [December] 1862
p156 27 April, 1863
p157 7 May, 1863
p158 May, 1863
p159 24 May, 1863
p160 July, 1863
p162 20 July, 1863
p165 3 August, 1863
p165 23 August, 1863
p167 30 August, 1863
p168 September, 1863
p170 late 1863
p172 22 August, 1864

p127 also
handed from Sophia handar
to Browning 20 May, 1861.

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Brauning - Sophia Handa letters
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1.	11	August, 1859	4
2.	31	August, 1859	4
3.	30	September, 1859	3
4.	12	October, 1859	4
5.	2	November, 1859	4
6.	8	December, 1859	3
7.	28	January, 1861	4
8.	6	July, 1861	4
9.	12	January, 1864	4
10.	19	August, 1864	3
11.	25	September, 1864	4
12.	3	October, 1864	4
13.	12	October, 1864	4
14.	4	November, 1864	4
15.	2	December, 1864	5

[Covers period June 1863 - Jan 1864]

Handa died 17 September, 1864

[Note]

Caption: [Genealogical note]

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