

Saturday Nov 19th

My dear Friend - Your kind and affectionate letter

of the 10th. found me this Morning - poverty & distress I fancied had so completely changed me that I did not suppose any thing on Earth could have again brought forward those feelings that I fancied I possessed when we spent many happy Hours together - your letter dear Ribbers did what the neglect of pale friends - the cool politeness of rich Relations - the want of daily bread - could not do - my heart softened - I felt your kindness - I slept as if

To business - I was made a Member of the Royal Edwin Lodge 1793 - in July 1804 - Apr 1807 - Elected to R. A. in the R. A. C. of Royal British = 1812 - R. W. M. - but last meeting Mar: 12th. 1823 = I must now be rather an egotist, by me - & thro' me, we always kept our payments up to the Cumberland School, and Charity funds - the last payment of that document was Fifth Anniversary to W. White Esq. - I am the only surviving Member - the Books, & Contribution, I am in possession of - the furniture (the Chairs) are most superb - far superior to y^{rs} at the G. L. as I have been often told by a dear good friend & Brother

The late Walter Rodwell Wright Esq. well known in the
C. L. Ch. 'Nithers if he had been alive I should not have
wasted a friend - but perhaps the Great Architect of the
Universe have raised you up to supply his place -
but be that as it may, to his Sovereign wife I bow
with humble veneration - the Furniture is at the
Six Bells Inn Bury for in pawn for a ~~large~~ debt
of about £200

I think of no more particulars at
present - if you want more, favor me with a letter
the smallest assistance from the C. L. 'Nithers
will be thankfully and gratefully received - I
cannot say more unless it be most gratefully rec:
we have eight of us & all this winter have been
living of 12^s. weekly - trying - to - hardly existing -
I can get no employment here - I have a piece
of ground that I garden - & last Summer I made
a few pence by selling a few spare Eggs &
Potatoes - I do all the work myself - I hope the
Summer it will be more productive - Good God!
I can hardly fancy I am what was once G. W. - to
be thankful for the sale of a half penny Cabbage
& my Relatives - but shame on them

We are truly sorry to hear of poor Mrs. Ribbans'
ill health - if Mrs. Wright had the means of paying her coach
hire, she would come & nurse her, as she is certain she could
make her well - another cause of poverty - not ever able to
administer comfort and consolation to those we love & respect -
our most kind & affectionate regards to Mrs. Lewis & her
how is yourself? favour me with a long letter - my pecuniary
concerns I leave to your Providence - your kindness I will
ever strive to be deserving of - In the Almighty God, bless
You and Yours is the prayer of your sincere friend

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