

Letter  
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Mr. James Sanson Dear Sir I think it  
necessary to state to you the state of matters between me and  
Mr. John Mc Gonigal as I had you appointed as one of the  
Agents for the settlement thereof  
he bought that place of me at nine pounds & paid me  
10 £ in hand and paid 20 £ next year & got up his rat. he gave me  
four rats of 20 £ each ~ then as he had the first payments good  
under interest having a second Mortgage due for the same under interest  
but after my sons death I was not suspecting but the pay would be good  
I gave a deed of it as follows & had it registered 20 £ to the benefit of  
our College 20 £ next to the gospel by Missionaries in this province & the  
Remainder 50 £ one half to the Support of the gospel in this province  
and the other half to support Missionaries in the heathen world  
under the direction & management of the Reverend Mr. James Ross  
and the Reverend Mr. M. Kinle taking in yourself & Mr. John Paterson Dicon  
as Counselors to avoid offence at any particular person whatsoever & Mr. Matheson  
to act as attorney to recover the Money

I put them in the Deed & state are now in the Reverend Mr. Ross hands  
I put them in Mr. Ross hands for some years supposing I should not live  
to see it become due but last fall I took them & went to Mr. Gonigal  
and he proposed & seemed agreeable to sell the place at Vandue  
but the weather is brook & my health & abilities does not support me  
therefor I sent for Mr. Ross & believe him of these papers & he intends  
taking advice & most likely will consult with you ~ therefor  
as everything has of course been due for three years bygone I thought  
proper to state the matter to you ~ that deed is registered your son & brother  
are the witnesses & yourself & Mr. John Paterson Dicon to consult with  
Mr. Matheson what steps to take ~ I would advise you call on Mr.  
John Paterson state the whole matter to him ~ you will find  
that Mr. Mc Gonigal is now about 135 £ indebted & was advising Mr.  
it would be best and a saving of expenses to advance about 25 pounds  
to encourage them to sell the place at Vandue and whatsoever it brings  
above paying me it comes to themselves? it is reported that Mr. Gonigal is fled  
it would be better to do that than to let him live in the house of ours  
Destroy the place & I have been offered fourteen pound a year of  
rent if they were out of it ~



I May further observe that No Doubt but these  
Neighbors, think hard to trouble them if here fled but Mr. Mcgonigel should  
know better, he rented the Garden of Me at twenty Shilings a year under  
a written agreement to keep the fences in repairs ~ but this year he  
did nothing in the Garden & has burnt up all the fences & besides he is  
due me three years rents this I allow to be lost

the only Advice I would give would be incourage him to  
to com back and join with me and sell the place if we  
should advance 25 £ to incourage them to leave the place it would be  
better to do that than to give that to Lawyers to cost them out of  
the place by points of law ~ especially as they have nothing to pay  
and as the whole goes to the benefit of the Gospel

I need not insist I wish you to consult with Mr. Waterson &  
Mr. Matheson or others w<sup>ch</sup> ever like I will never see you  
and remains Dear Sir your Humble Servant Joseph Begg



Mr James Dawson  
Dorchester

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