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My dearest Arthur,

Here comes a lot of bother for your kindness - But what am I to do? You have unfortunately shown yourself "the willing horse" and, alas! must submit to be ridden accordingly, as the old proverb says. -

I have no less than 3 separate favours to ask - & all at once. -

1. There is a terrible strife about a cottage & garden in my parish - involving ~~legal notice~~ the legality of ~~the~~ notice - the validity of possession &c. - an affair which I believe any professional man would see thro' at a glance, & settle in 15m. - But the parties are all poor - notwithstanding which - one of them - the landlady - threatens in her indignation to come from London on purpose to settle it - i.e. quarrel with everybody - on quite bodies enough at any rate to increase the row, & add