

is apt to be cross with everybody in general, & does not fancy me in particular - & he is High Sheriff; too - the 3^d trustee, who I have no doubt would take my part, lives far away. You shall be sure to hear how the matter fares. The Trees are not numbered yet, & if it is attempted I shall take the liberty of requesting the trespassers to take a very peaceable departure.

I forget whether I ever told you the nasty state of the neighbourhood - which you will see more clearly now you have read the Will. There is not the slightest doubt that Mr. Penoyre got the property by deceit - he always led everybody, & especially the poor Testatrix, to believe him a bachelor - & actually in that character officiated as "best man" at two weddings. On the day of the funeral he declares himself a married man of 8 years standing - & when he brings down his wife she is so intensely vulgar that, knowing as we well did the punctiliousness & almost prudery of the Testatrix, we are perfectly confident that had ~~she~~ she known it, she would never have made him her

him, to the exclusion of her cousin on the father's side the Rev. W. T. Raymond, who had always been looked upon, & had looked upon himself, as the future possessor. ~~Between~~ Penoyre himself admitted to my wife that he had never mentioned to his cousin the Testatrix the fact of his marriage, because "she had a foot that would kick." So between the two things, the dishonour of the trick, & the lowness of the alliance, ^{so} very few people call there, that it would not do for my wife, tho' I go there occasionally on business. - The other Trustee, Mr. Haigh Allen, began by excusing him - but finding his wife unpresentable to his own wife & daughters, he has backed about, & leads the opposition - a nice state of things for themselves & all near neighbours, ourselves included: Our policy is to be as quick & as civil as possible - & I did not think it was deviating from it, to keep off what seemed to me, & proved to be, an obvious trespass. I did not think it very neighbourly of Penoyre not to ask, whether the trees were a shelter that I could not afford to part with (as one of them is) as to Allen he probably knows nothing about it,