

Neighbours and friends, pray one word more,
There's something yet behind,
And wise though you be, you do not well see
In which door sits the wind. —

You recollect that evening when in your true kind-
ness you got your good uncle to give me the meeting
& hear those absurd letters about the beautiful girl
with an eruption in her face - the old hen to make
broth - the butter to be sent up be be be. —

And now you advised me to call on Watson the writer
& find whether any Chancery suit was going on, at the
instance of Perkins the Ex^m or no. — And I c^d not
manage to do call - but I did second best, & wrote to
~~said~~ Perkins - & then Perkins takes my letter to his
Sol^r. Mr. Gray of 93 Edgeware Road, & he sends me a very
kind note to say Perkins is proceeding in Chancery for his
own legacy - but that the rest of the legacies are not in
Chancery as far as he is aware. — Another proof
of bad faith of said Watson. Why sh^d he have mentioned
it at all to my parishioners? It was no business of theirs.
And it seems very strange that he gives no account of the
Rent which he must be receiving all along, as well as
keeping the property unsold. — Would it not be best
for them to employ some respectable London Sol^r? —
I fear it is not to much purpose their waiting longer.

The lightning mark is undoubtedly no indication of
fire. I wish you were here to see it - 26 yards in extreme
diameter - no burning, but destruction. Even the central timber
unburnt. ~~ministers~~ kind were. Yours very aff^{ly} W. B. O'Brien.

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My dearest Arthur

How sorry I am to be such a bore to you -
and to give such repeated proofs of intense stupidity



Hee - how how how how

'Tis a sad misfortune to have such a friend! —
Such - first of all - & then second - & then third -
Please observe there is nothing in what follows that
requires immediate attention - or any attention at
all, till you are perfectly at leisure, and from long
abstinence in being bored, have acquired some appetite
for another cut at the Donkey's Ham - (vide Murray,
voce Lansbourg).

Well - let the preamble pass without a division
and now for the fact.

Your most kind exposition & advice re the will
of Thomas Watkins were skimmed over at a first