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To. James Scott Howard Esq.
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Greenland House, Grouville,
Island of Jersey 30th Sept. 1853

Dear Sir,

A few days since I received your letter of the 29th. Ultimo, & I lost no time in remitting to London funds to pay the Esepesus you have incurred in respect of my Mother's Lands.

You are mistaken in suspecting that there has been interference from Barrie with the arrangement about the lands. The sole reason for my sometimes enclosing letters to a correspondent at Barrie is to save double or treble[sic?] postage by sending two

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or three letters in one Envelope. The unforeseen & [?] [?] delay in obtaining from California a valid title to the lands prevented my mother from concluding the sale within a reasonable time, and consequently defeated her objection [?] with them which were to have in hand funds to enable her to leave this Island as well as to ^ be freed from the necessity of paying heavy [?asees] upon the lands. From no fault on either side, she was disappointed in her expectations and did not choose to have her hands tied for an indefinite period. There having been no delay foreseen or Contemplated by her on accepting of your offer an offer which would not have been entertained but from the belief that the sale would be immediately concluded, and the purchase money be available for immediate & pressing wants.

Both my mother and I are most anxious to be in possession of a valid title to the lands but as yet we are without it. About a week before the arrival of your letter we heard from my brother who regretted having been unable to execute [rotate letter] + & forward to us the requisite Documents his lawyer with whom he had deposited them having left California & gone to New York on a visit to his friends and nothing could be done until his return. I must say I think such a reason puerile and ridiculous. Did i not know my brother to be most desirous to conclude the [?] my suspicions would be excited by it.

I remain, Dear Sir,
Yours very truly,
John Oliver