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Dear Purdy

If you have any more work you can send [it to] me [at] Foulsham. I should be glad as I am suffering from the hump.

On Thursday I started [to have] more temperatures etc. Dr Perry says it is not the result of chills but simply the filth collecting on my chest or in my lungs and he does not seem to think there is much rush in my going to the office in fine weather, but they leave me so confoundedly weak.

There is no doubt that I have been seriously ill and I fear it will be a long time before I am fit for much. And it worries me a lot to think that I am putting such a lot on your shoulders.

If you could send me sufficient work to make me feel I was of real use it would be a relief to me, though I expect some of my drafts [will] require considerable revision as this beastly complaint affects one's head and the distractions of home are not conducive to clear thinking.

If you cannot do this then I think you should try to get someone to help you and charge his salary against my share. I am hoping that as the days get warmer I shall improve, but if not we must talk matters over as I don't want to be a dra[\_\_\_?] on you.

Things do not appear to be running very smoothly for me and I don't know what to do for the best. The doctor did not think my aunt could live through the winter but she is going[?] and I expected that I should be able to go to Booton[?] but the old lady seems to be going strong.

Dearing[?] says he must come here at Michaelmas[?]. He does not even yet know[?] if he is going to have the Blyth's farm.

I thought of going into lodgings myself and sending the wife and family away for a change, but the storing of furniture is prohibitive and I must try and find some sort of shelter.

I hear there is a house at Whitwell that I might be able to get and I am going to make enquiries but I don't want to incur [\_\_\_?] which might be a tax on my wife.

I suppose matters will sift themselves somehow but present they look awkward.

Yours ever  
Edward Holley

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Dear Purdy

My wife and I managed to get up to Ivy House yesterday and your mother kindly showed us round. Beyond a little touching up I don't think the paint requires anything doing loci[?].

One cannot of course tell what the papers are like 'til the pictures are taken down, but I suppose you would not object to my distempering over any of them as paper makes as a rule a better ground than plain walls. I did not go into the attics but my wife says the paper there is bad.

I think we shall be able to squeeze in all right but it will be rather cramped after this.

My wife looked at the kitchen garden and thinks with a man one day a week she could keep it in order and she would like to have it included in [\_\_\_\_?] if it can be conveniently done but we should not want the cottage.

I think the fairest thing would be for you[?] to take the house on a yearly tenancy. That would give you plenty of time if I would to have to offer it for sale and I could give vacant possession by arrangement with you.

We did not discuss the question of rent and I have not the slightest idea what you get nowadays as I don't expect you would be bound by the rent restrictions[?] acts.

Neither do I know what the house could fetch if you sold now with vacant possession.

Do you think the same rent as I am paying now would be fair or not? I do not want you to be out of pocket by accommodating me.

I don't want to leave here before I am faced[?] as there will be all my garden produce to see to but I have no doubt we can arrange for someone to go in when your mother goes out.

Yours

Edward Holley