

Sir Wilfred Lawson has a most splendid library also
 Brampton in books, travels, & Books of Natural History it
 is no doubt the first in the Island - next to Sir Joseph
 Banks's. He is an extremely liberal & good-natured
 Gentleman. We have heard Sir Charles & Lady Brampton
 here, with Miss Brampton - of which then Miles Paley, widow,
 of Capt. Sphum. Sir Charles perfectly astounded me
 by the diversity of his attainments - Museum, both as
 Connoisseur, & Player - Draftsman - Poet - & a Linguist, both
 of the western & oriental languages, almost to a prodigy.

Sunday Evening, Sept. 19th 1802. Greta Hall, 15
 Newark.

My dear Sir

Late yesterday evening, on my return from Brighton
 I had the pleasure of finding the long expected parcel ^{It arrived at Newark on Friday night} ~~at~~ present, that my first feeling was not wholly unmixed - I did
 not know what I had asked. - Immediately on my return I had a
 slight attack of Fever - and am but just risen from bed - of course,
 I write now merely to acknowledge the receipt of the parcel.

You asked me in Barrow last concerning Barrow. Mr
 Rockington is very ill, & in case of Mr. B's decease it is
 in the date rather probable than otherwise, that it will
 be put up for sale - Tho' he is so strange, & so intensely
 selfish, a character. That no one would be surprised, if
 knowing how many people are anxious to have it, he
 should prefer to sell by a direct clause - his
 will. - Should this not be the case, yet still I cannot
 advise you to think of it. Depend on it, it will go at
 an extravagant fancy price - I know myself three people
 I might well say, a kingly mansion at Brampton,
 is enamoured of Barrow - Sir W. is a man, who
 never lets money stand in the way of any of his inclinations
 if he told me himself on Saturday morning, that
 tho' he would not make a fool of himself by
 giving an extravagant price for it, yet he would
 bid hard. - However, there could be no objection to
 your bidding your own sum - but the house itself
 is in many respects objectionable. During the winter
 of the winter months it is utterly sunless, & tho'
 the rooms themselves may not be damp, yet the
 situation is exceedingly so. How often do I see the spot,
 when the house lies, involved in mist when all the walls

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beside, is free, and to this, that like with the rest of
Mr Lockington's houses, it is built completely in the
spirit of a Matchless - all the other rooms are
sacrificed to the Dining Room. That is a noble
Room, made for a whole Neighbourhood - but
it is the only room / the Bedrooms are mere
Pigeon Holes. - If it were possible to find a truly
fine situation, with ground enough about it for a
couple of laws, of a few houses, it would certainly be
better economy to build a House - for if the situation
were well chosen, if the House built with good
sense in its inside, of fine ~~in~~ sense in its
outside, it is what in the common language of
men would be called a Certainty, ^{because you have it} that it might
be either let or sold without any loss - of most
probably, to a great Advantage. But I cannot say, that
I know any such situations. The one at Appledramme
is indeed in point of the exquisitely picturesque confine
view on the one side, & the glorious view of the
whole vale of Lakes on the other, in point of the
proximity of the ~~roads~~ ^{roads} immediately around, & the
number of lovely walks close by - the place, to
which I have long of uniformly given the preference
over any other that in the whole vale, from the
Gorge of Borrordale to the outlet of Bapentrawale.
But there is no land around to at least, not
more than an acre. - If however you
doubtfully to this country should continue, & you
should wish to pass any number of months
here, this Gothic Hall will be finished in

less than two months - & you might have 5 rooms (two
very large ones) & a kitchen, Cellar & Stable - with as
much garden ground as you wished - & you might
have it for any length of time, from three months
to three years - the House would be perfectly distinct
from ours - it would be just half-furnished - of the
^{annual} ~~rent~~ including Taxes would not exceed 25 £.
My furniture sells here by auction 9 times out of 10
at more than its original value - at the worst, no one
pays more than a very moderate per centage for
its use. - I have stated this - because it exists - & because
I wish you to know all that there is, & all that
there is not - in the vale - leaving the things
to persuade or dissuade, according as their nature
may be. - It would make me truly happy, if
I should feel an impulse to come & look out for
yourself - we can make up three beds for you with
an hour's warning.
We have had dismal weather
 lately - ~~the~~ the last three days have been hot summer
weather - & it is interesting to see under the down
the flung, the first fruits of the seed, in the same
fields with the corn-sheaves. - Did you see a
very fine sonnet on Buonaparte in the Morning
Post of Wednesday or Thursday last? It was written
by Wordsworth - & comes upon my feelings, as in
the spirit of the best of Milton's Sonnets.
I send my kindest & most respectful remembrances
to Mrs and Miss S. & believe me, my Dear Madam,
with unfeigned & affectionate esteem yours,
J. T. Coleridge