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Sr The Errand of this pap is concerning my brother Harper
you know, as it may be you have heard, the how is ost
tak[illegible] way of shopkeeping with reference to his
ca[illegible] a Petty Tally shop, his first Intention
by [illegible] tobacchos, But after her had made a beg
fre[illegible] acquaintance were so ready to be
mores they encouraged him — to launch a little fa
viz to fill wth ye ships need, how in her was to seek doe
buy — ing & selling, But ye Lord helped him — for one whom
bin of ye trade, came & instructed him — & lent him his back
for ye how fully understand both ye way; & advantage of ye
trade to be Considerable, But here will be some pr
& mine if not helped in time; for his stock exceed
ye of furniture of his shop, here wants many things, & more
of those sorts her hath; some trash here must pass
though ye most of his customers, desire it not; & in short
I think ye way hopes in ye most suitable & probable, of any
her hath yet taken; If you will put to yr helping hand
without more stock here can not hold it & here hath none
to look to but yr selfe; her desiring nothing in a mend iment
way of you; Only — that you will either buy his pt &
Interest in ye land at Southcrapps, or lend him an 100^l upon
it; for this I presume you may do without detriment
to yr selfe, for having ye Grand Interest in ye Estate; his right
If bought in; can not but add to ye strengthening as well as secure
ye of yours; or if you lend him money upon it, none can de
ny yr security; which certainty none but yr selfe can
have; & therefore none else can or will upon this Interest
furnish him — If you refuse; so ye in this case wth right
here hath — ye land can be of no use to afford any help to
him — Nor is there a possibility of any other mean, but
ye of his wifes Jointure, which how Inconvenient & dis
tastful you may easily discern; yea If you help him — not
ye her must or throw up, which will bring Inevitable ruine
upon him; Sr I assure you & I pray believe ye I write

not this in ye figure of any Interest I am possessed of, but out of a tender
Pity Rule mine own, for ye holy things sake, which
I ought yet to lay out my self to serve in
as I have ye Ability given me, which I
to Confess I have Exactly done in this
as well as other things I Entreat
Consider his case with a fit sympathy & pity him — which I also & earnestly desire
& very mayst ye

Yr most affectionate friend & servant
Mary: Phillips