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P.S. Have another the estimate Charlotte gave me in 1894 as well for Company

Rosenberg
24th March 1899

My dear Mr. Bleak,

Your welcome letter that brought down to me on Wednesday. I am delighted to hear from you, but I know how much you have to do. So please don't trouble to write to me unless you are quite free.

When I get home, I shall make a clear statement of how we stand, and send you the receipts. After getting that letter I sent for Skerkins, and told him what I wanted done, but he said the whole house required painting, so I told him to give me an estimate. I see he has put painting them the hard work, then the stalls and coach house. I will send you the paper he sent me, and you must say what is to be done. I think you will have no end of offence this year. I told him I thought the hard work might wait for another year. I can help the rent and pay

Stephens, dont send any thing at present.
I am glad you approve of my protesting
against the increased Valuation.
Grey Villa has cost into 21 lots, and sold
provisionally, then put up as a whole
and sold to Mr Jones - Lieut Hyde's son in law
for £4500 - I understand Mrs Maclean
will get £4000, the £500 will almost
all go in expenses &c &c. Mr Jones spoke
to me about the 30 feet road, he said he
thought half ought to come off Charlotte Square
grounds - I said I did not think you would
have any change made at present, but would
tell you, he said he had bought the whole
property, and did not know if he would
abide by what the surveyor had done, he
intended building two Villas on the
Haddock, or Grey Villa Study he would
not spend money, but let it as it is -
Mrs Maclean had it all painted last
year - I understand it is to be let as a
boarding house, but have not heard who
is taking it - I never knew when Grey Villa
was surveyed. it has kept so quiet, but
shall ask Mr Hallock the surveyor about

the boundary - I know the Lessee just
cut that Grey Villa ground, did not extend
as far as it is enclosed, so many feet on
the paddock belong to Govt. Mrs Gresham
has quite arranged about it -

If it is arranged that the wedding comes
off in May, it will be a pretty month,
something like our Sept. just when the
Trees have their new leaves, and everything
looks so fresh - I can just picture you
all arranging and re arranging every
thing - I know what you say Mars Jaeger
must be, a really thoughtful kind hearted
good fellow - It is so nice your all liking
him - How delightful it will be to have
Margaret home once more. Is she really
steadying Frederick? I know expectly
how you feel, much interested in all
the arrangements for the wedding, and
will be glad, when it is all satisfactorily
over - Keep month if all is well
we shall all be together once more
George hopes to be down about the
18th April. Lt Johns hoped to come down

but there are several ill at the mine so he is afraid he will not be able to get away - Ina & Iris are with us at Emmerdale Iris is a dear little thing, not especially pretty but interesting and intelligent - very fond of her Daddy -

Gloy is not very well, she has felt the heat of Pretoria, and the Dr says she is much run down, there are other reasons as well -

Ethel looks very well, she is a little thinner, but that is an improvement, she seems very happy -

About a fortnight ago I had a letter from Int Scott telling me his Mother in Law has been there, and that she has seriously ill, and likely to undergo an operation, she had there only spare rooms, and in case she has not better I would I mind keeping the children a little longer, I have not heard since - Two days after he got here Iris & Edie took measles, they are now in a fair way to recovery, still it was unfortunate for the others in the house there getting ill -

I am sorry to hear Miss Lucy has been so poorly but hope the warm weather will do her good - It has to sad your Aunt parting away so soon after your Uncle, they were not married long - Now I must close with fond love to yourself and the girls -