

as he leaves all the business - the "ornamental" part of it included - to a common land-agent.

When quite convenient - but please don't write on purpose, I want to know whether a mistake I made the other day will have any injurious effect. I added a Codicil to the will of a poor person, & got her, with much difficulty & worry, to sign it - she was actually going to leave out the last syllable of her name! With all this botheration I quite forgot to make her declare it as her Codicil though all care was taken in other respects, with the attorney. Is this of any importance? The will affects a cottage & bit of ground - to leave the house to be divided - which portion only the Codicil reserves & gives all ~~the~~ personal effects to one. It was very stupid in me: but very probably I don't mind with age.

My wife's kind love - she is very sorry you could not come to see us - she would very much like to see you again.

Your very affectionate & grateful old friend

Deffro! Mae Dydd!

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3 Feb. 1876.

Hardwick Vicarage,
Beg. R. S. O.

My dearest Arthur

My very best thanks are due for your much kind letter. I have in consequence written to Mr. Penoyre, as the Trustee in possession, quoting your opinion as that of a Chancery Barrister, but not mentioning your name. I have carefully avoided entanglements, & been very civil indeed, & put all the mistake on ^{upon} the law agent, who marked the Test. - Whether we shall have a fight I don't know. I can't believe it, with your very clear & decided opinion - but till the affair is ended, perhaps you will do me the favour to detain the Will in your careful custody. I have no confidence in the kindly feelings of the parties, though we are all "as civil as bricks". Penoyre is offended with me because my wife does not call upon his - Allen