

incurred in her removal from Bath (es-
pecially furniture) - as to which we were
not consulted - Halifax, who we supposed
was going to pay these extras - in considera-
tion of her having contracted the illness
which ultimately caused her death, in
waiting on his aged Mother - being
I suppose annoyed at my declining an
arrangement to dispense with an adminis-
tration (which I thought illegal, tho' I
was very cautious not to use unpleasant
language -) turns about & says hold of
the residue of a legacy she had, to repay
himself! I don't like this, or think it
very honourable. What I suppose he ought
to do would be to place all assets without
deduction in ^{the} ~~my~~ ^{the} administrator's hands, &
then make his claim - if we choose to
allow it (but I might just as well make

a claim in my proportion). Instead of
which he ~~has~~ threatens us with a long
account - absorbing the Legacy - and tak-
ing much credit for withdrawing £68.7.7
more which he will abandon. -
In fact he has treated what he gave - not
without some appearance of generosity - as
a loan - to be repaid from the assets. We
cannot prove that he did not secretly think
of this before ^{his death}, but his letters, tho' confused
& contradictory, would sometimes express the
very reverse - & when he once threw out
a hint ^{after her death} about repayment, we took no no-
tice. -

So my wife has copied out a question or
two for me. Could you just write Yes or
No against them, & let us have them as
soon as convenient? Do forgive this trouble.
I said I w^d be brief - I have been spinning