

Exeter, Devon, Feb
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Dear Sir,
I have not yet seen Mr. Cook
and shall not be able to see
him till tomorrow noon when
I shall do my best to inform
him of your wishes and of
your feeling towards him.
With regard to the interview
I had with you - there was
one suggestion of yours which
I considered a little hard on
Mr. Cook's friends and I feel
it my duty to endeavor to
remove any such misconception
on your part - I understood
you to say that if Mr. Cook's
friends had commiserated with

any other unpleasant business -
could command.
It seems to me that Mr. Cook
has gone on talking and paying
with the hope of getting me on
his relations to carry him on
another year but that relation
I prefer putting up with present
I am content to
simply that I am content to
pay others in helping him a
little if I can see my way to
it but I can't (I couldn't) have
anything to do with paying
up arrears; and as to yourself,
sir - that little business I
have had with Messrs. Emmons
has been straight and
pleasant and I have no
doubt that it should be
renewed I hope the same thing
yours faithfully
To J. D. Fenwick
Emmons Bay
Dorchester

him to gain some advantage
for him or for them' —. I
candidly assure you that Mr.
Cook's friends as far as I
am able to understand the
business have not in any
way connived or contrived.
They have simply lost much
more by him than you will
lose though they are far
less able to bear it; and
their only object at present
is to club round and keep
him and his afflicted daughter
from absolute want. Ah, I
know, hasn't a penny. If
he had I think he would
be the last to hold it
back and his great wish
has been to go on again in
the hope of recovering his

position.

So much for Mr. Cook and
his friends. Now for myself:—
I have known Mr Cook several
years, but of his business I
have known nothing till quite
recently. Within the last few
days his affairs have been
laid before me bit by bit,
and as he doesn't seem to
have too many friends I felt
obliged to do him any
honourable kindness I could,
and I freely state to you
that it would not make a
penny difference to you, to
him, or to me if I had
never known anything of
the Podden business.

The office of calling on you
was thrust on me against
my will and judgment, and
I performed it as I would