

Gentlemen,

I very hastily & imprudently took possession of Mr Brown's school, & in consequence of it found myself compelled to submit to your terms of rent for the house, which, every one of my friends assures me, are extravagant ly high. Being a stranger in your city, & ignorant of the current rent of houses, I was fearful of offering you too low a sum, though I thought your demand too high. Having been disappointed of that success in my school, which I was encouraged to expect, I now find it necessary to lessen my expences, in order to prevent my resignation; & therefore wish to know whether you can accommodate me with the house at 37^{10} per annum, which, I am told by good judges, is the full value of it. A room more convenient & spacious than those which I now occupy, has been offered me for 25 per annum, & the same with two other rooms for 37^{10} , which I must be under the necessity of engaging, if you cannot comply with my present offer. There have been some peculiar difficulties in my situation, that ~~have~~ rendered the payment of my rent more oppressive than it would otherwise have been: I had 25 days dead rent to pay, without any income