

family continually afflicted with sickness and  
disease; and continually througed with nume-  
rous poverty stricken friends, who, supposing  
him in health and affluence always expected  
and always rec<sup>d</sup>: from him a helping hand.

3<sup>dly</sup> Being ignorant of business he made  
numerous bad and worthless debts which were  
made no account of in the assignment. 4<sup>thly</sup> he  
contracted to build a building for 700<sup>o</sup> and  
expended upon it near 1300<sup>o</sup> and 5<sup>thly</sup> Being  
absent from the store a great part of the time  
and intrusting ignorant and dishonest persons  
with the management of it and property great  
and whose I leave it for you to imagine.

The whole of the sum missing is about two  
thousand dollars and I understand you  
have intimated ~~that~~ Mr. Firm fails in  
order to defraud you out of this amt. now Sir  
I ask you, as a reasonable man to call  
upon the losses I have named ~~which~~ which will  
reduce the sum to something less than nothing  
and to consider for a moment the object Firm  
woud have in doing as he did. You can  
draw no other inference than that it was  
done intirely and purely out of the best of  
motives - viz<sup>ly</sup> <sup>that of</sup> Satisfying his creditors  
Thus it appears that all has been conducted  
honorably and in this, if in any thing, conflicts  
all the iniquity of Firm.

"The very head and front of his offending  
hath this extent no more"

Mr. Firm and myself have made every exertion