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longer, and offered the whole of his employment to me. . . . I then thought it time to know on what terms I was to serve him in that capacity, and found he was inclined to advance me very little if anything. I told him in very plain terms if he would give but labourer's wages I would be a labourer, and if I was a steward I would have something like steward's pay, and there it rested a long time. At length he urged me to say on what terms I would serve him. I said, 'For one shilling in the pound from all your rents.' At this, in some warmth, he replied, 'There are such and such tenants who come to pay me as soon as ever it is due, or would you have me send you there to ask for it!' I did not at all like this reply, because I was sure he would require me to do all the before-mentioned business I used to do for him without any other pay than the said shilling in the pound. However, he marked on the rental those tenants who were to pay him, and left me but a small number, and those of the poorer sort, where it would be difficult to get their rent—perhaps not get it at all. After a long pause it was agreed I should have a certain yearly pay and one shilling in the pound for all the rent I should receive from those tenants as marked for me in the rental. This proposal I did not like, but one Mr. Jackson, who had Sir Hans Sloane's ear at pleasure, and