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Alloa 29 th March 1867

From
Thomas Watts
Chambers High Street
Alloa

To Mr Alex Mouat Durban Port Natal

Dear Sir

I recieived your letter of 9th February last. Several of the creditors have not taken payment of the dividend, bur whether only from carelessness, or from a resolution not to discharge you, I do not know. These creditors are

- 1. The Trustees of Mr Thomas Darvine
- 2. The Trustees of Sir Robert Preston
- 3. Thomas Ferguson Grocer Stirling
- 4. Dr Bruthersbury? Alloa
- 5. James Mackenzie Draper Stirling
- 6. John Crawford Ironmongers Alloa
- 7. Dr Strachan Dollar
- 8. John Christie Ironmongers Stirling

It is not improbable that Mr Davies's Trustees are hanging off from design but I think the others have forgotten or do no think it worth their while to apply for the dividend which was only $9\frac{1}{2}$ p per £. I have not heard anything as to your successor in the farm, but times here are now very much better for farmers, prices having gone up a long way.

I am glad to learn that you are well employed and hope you may be still further successful. Nothing can be done without hard work and perseverance.

I remain

Yours faithfully

Thomas Watts