

It gives Mr. Bidout whom I presume You mean when speaking of Mr. Young's Letter You say "You imagine my Transcriber blabs" no small Uneasiness to know that You have entertained so unfavourable an Opinion of him, however he hopes that the enclosed Copy of a Letter from Mr. Young will satisfy You that he hath not been culpable with respect to what occasioned Your Suspicion; & indeed it would have ^{been} extraordinary had my Proposal concerning Mr. Young been made known to him if he had from thence taken Occasion to suggest that he was afraid my Intention towards him was otherwise than he could wish; for You know it was my Intention when a Vacancy should happen to give him a Clerkship (which would probably be worth £200 p Ann or upwards, instead of the two Offices that he at present enjoys, which by his own Account do not bring him in much more than a hundred Pounds a Year, tho' with proper Management & Care I believe they would produce near two hundred. I am satisfied that what he told You about his Circumstances being very low is too true, but who besides himself is to blame for that? The ~~House~~ wherein he lived, sometime ago was indeed consumed by Fire, tho' he could not suffer much by that Accident since it was not his own, & as the Fire broke out in the Day I believe the Goods were all saved; however this is Nothing to Me, nor shall I say more concerning him, than that what ever he might have heard or imagined I have always been his Friend & treated him in a friendly manner, & shall be glad to have it in my Power to provide for him in the manner I have mentioned; but was I to give him Leave to sell the Offices he holds (which he has applied