

## Letter to [Robert Arthington?], 7 April 1865

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[0001]

Newstead Abbey

7 April 1865

My Dear Sir

On searching  
for the address you  
requested, I find  
that I cannot lay  
my hands on it.  
A young man in  
D<sup>r</sup> Hamilton's church  
Regent's Square  
London told me  
about M<sup>r</sup> Silva's  
proposed visit  
& said that on his  
[0002]  
arrival he would  
let me know. The  
young man gave  
me his card but  
expecting him to  
communicate I  
took no care of it

From your  
further explanations  
it seems that  
you do not so  
much need the  
information  
that M<sup>r</sup> Silva can  
give. No obstacle  
will be made  
[0003]  
or put in the way of  
a settler, but I question  
whether he could  
take notes of testa-  
ments through the  
custom house at

the beginning of  
his career. When  
a person is known  
to the officers they  
are not so illiberal.  
Your plan seems  
more feasible  
now than it did  
at first and I  
trust that the  
Highest will  
[0004]  
prosper your work  
I should be glad if  
at any future time  
you will let me  
know how you  
get on in it. By  
consulting the Foreign  
Office list you  
might find out  
who is the Commissioner  
or Arbiter on the  
English side at  
Soanda & make  
enquiries about him  
to see if he is likely to  
be favourable or  
otherwise I am &c

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