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have assisted, and instructed me: but I neglected them
and the kind instructions of my friends as to their
apparent effects, for some years seemed to have
been in vain.

Now, Sir, come to that part of my little
history which I humbly and devoutly pray, that both
you and I may have reason to reflect upon with
joy, and with thankfulness to our common Lord
and Saviour while we live, and after our Death. I
have before mentioned to you the circumstance of my
first becoming acquainted with Mrs. Mendall. After
I was married to her I returned to my own native
village where I followed the Business of a Linen Draper
and Grocer. My returns were insufficient which led me
to speculate in Hops. It was in the year 1805 that
I purchased fifty five bushels with an intent to sell them
again at the first favourable opportunity: and it was
in the month of November in the same year, that
I was induced to ship part of them for London in
consequence of the flattering accounts given in the
London Papers of the advance of that article.