

In This two page letter, dated 1804, two farms are mentioned, Morfodian and Pontnewith. Four names are mentioned. Sir Edward is the land owner. Elis Evans is probably a contractor. Richard James is an agent, and the letter is addressed to Mr. Thomas, attorney at law, probably acting for Sir Edward.

Llanidloes 7th Sept. 1804

Sir

I came here last Night, and we are Four in Number, and are very much at a loss for want of seeing you, we have been looking over the Barn at Morfodian, and Pontnewith, &c &c they are all fill'd with Grain & Hay at this time, and I think it best to sequeer them as well as I can till Spring, and I cant stop but a very short time, I see that there is a floor wanted at Morfodian, and if you will give me leave to ~~do so~~, I can repair the Barn in the Spring to endure Twenty Years, I beg to know if I am to go on with the Floor, but I find Sir Edward did not order it, I beg Your Answer as to

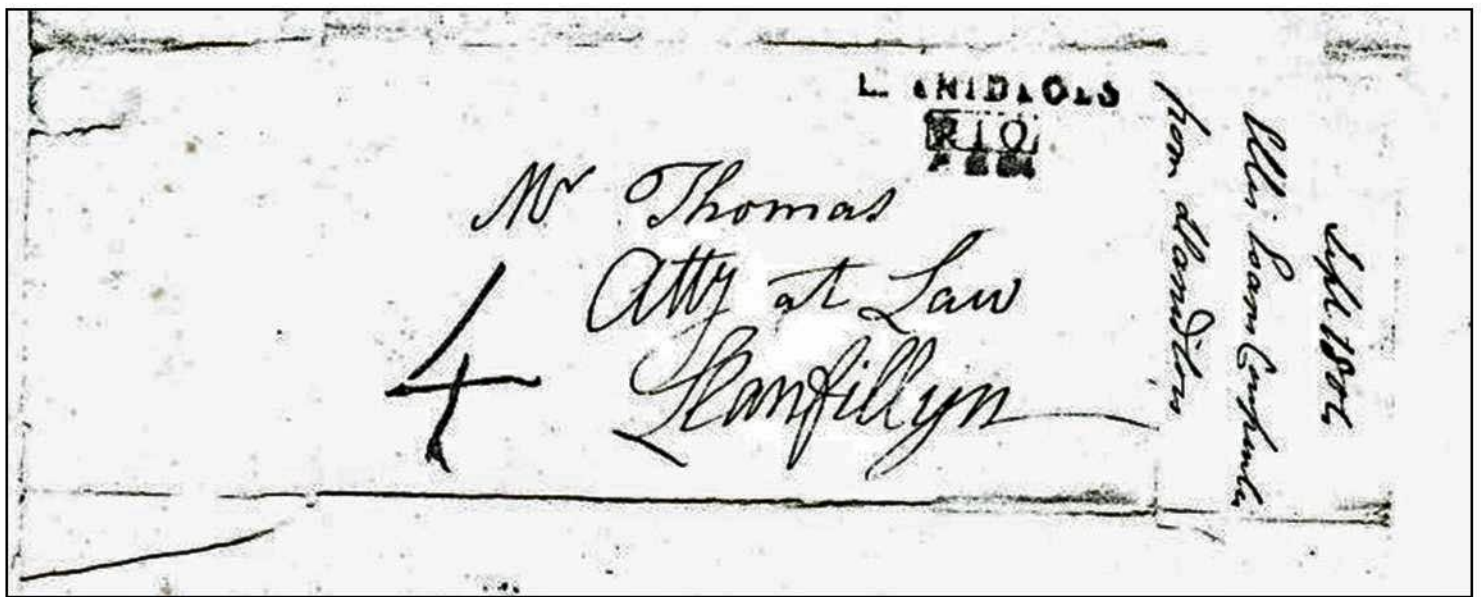
or see you as soon as possible
and beg to know who is to pay me
as I wish to settle before I go as
I live at so great a distance.

From your Humble
servt. Elis Evans

Sir

The Man wishes to have
his Money before he goes, and I will
pay him if you will ^{please} give me
orders

Your Humble servt
Rich. James



The old fashioned handwriting Can be hard to interpret.
The following is my best effort to do just that.

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Sir/I came here last Night and we are four in number and are very much at a loss for want of seeing you. I have been looking over the barn at Morfodian, and Pontnewith ?? They are fill'd with Grain and Hay at this time and I think it best to sequeur Them as well as I can till spring and I can't stop but a very short time. I see that there is a flore wanted at Morfodian, and if you will give me leave to do so, I can repair the barn in the Spring to enduer another twenty years. I beg to know if I am to get on with the flore, but I find Sir Edward did not order it. I beg your answer, or to see you as soon as pofsible, and beg to know who is to pay me, as I wish to settle before I go as I live at a great distance.

From your humble Serv't Elis Evans.

Sir/ the man wishes to have his money before he goes, and I will pay him if you will please give me orders Your humble serv't Rich'd James.