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Dear Mr Hales,

Despite having failed badly and rightfully being shut up, I actually feel relieved in being able to write to you, confessing to letting the Lord and yourself down, Mr Hales

I trust in the blood for forgiveness and just want you to know that I love and enjoy the company of you, my family and the brethren, Mr Hales.

I've nowhere else to go.

Meanwhile, I trust in the Lord to bear the shame as I'm heartbroken to realise that the brethren will have to isolate me.

With the Lord's help, I'll stay true to what I've come to for my lifetime down here.

Your kindness in looking after my family's interests in the sale of Bramhope Park Hall is very much appreciated.

I confess that I've been very perplexed ever since early 2012 on the business front – it's as though I've not been trusted and this has undermined my confidence.

The culmination last December that "I could lose everything, I mean everything, including my place in fellowship", really unnerved me.

I wanted to share all my worries with you when we were last together in September 2015 but couldn't articulate them properly. Sorry for that.

Can I humbly request a fresh look into matters since then in a non-confrontational, open book kind of way?

I think that it needs a fresh team but would submit to you, Mr Hales, on that.

Whatever else happens to me, I'll always treasure those moments that we had together in Chris Railton's house in Boston.

I can assure you that I've not let you down from a testimonial point of view, having used highly professional top drawer professional advisers who are fully expecting all matters to be resolved in view of what we stand for and their regard for the brethren community.

They retain the utmost faith in you (and me, for that matter) and I can assure you that they're far more motivated by justice than measly personal reward.

Their proven trustworthiness and confidentiality meant that I could turn to them while the pressure has been on. After the Lord, it's the only thing that's kept me sane at times!

I realise and accept that it's in your hands and the Lords whether, or not, I can be set free.

Much love, in Him,

Lance

PS I believe that it's still right to send you the attached which I drafted yesterday, before I was shut up and puts things firmly in your court, Mr Hales