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My dear Henderson

I enclose the photos I promised of the L Arrow trout. The big fellow has not arrived from Coopers and is very nicely set up. I now have 20 Irish trout by Cooper.

Quite a small exhibition starting from a modest 3 lber (my first 3 lber) to a 10 lber (wet fly). I forgot when I wrote to you last. The mayfly kept rising in large numbers right up to the time I left, July 10 and Kingston wrote me the other day that they still continued to do so but no fish moved at them on spent gnat after June 12th. But they were feeding ravenously on perch fry every day and ignorant anglers would have sworn that they were feeding on spent gnat as they were plenty of the latter about at the time but I studied them and found it was perch fry every time.

Sir Jackie Wilson estimated of the age of 2 of my trout in the F.G, the 7 3/4 lber in its 8th year, the 5lber in its 10th year. I think he must be mistaken in the big one as the growth seems too rapid. The scales were 2 months old when I sent them so very likely the outer rings had dropped off and shrunken quite invisibly. If he is

correct it is very satisfactory to think that Arrow can produce heavy trout at the rate at 1 lb per annum.

The Murrough fishing didn't offer much. I got 2 or 3 but the game wasn't worth the candle, pitch dark and midges, awful. Tommy Lyttle got a 9 lber one night I heard. It may have been in the net however, not on the murrough as I fancy there is a good bit of poaching going on and when the big trout are on the perch fry it is very easy to net them as they go in shoals close in shore and the gillies often get in that small bay at the point where the river runs out. I saw the fish several times after perch fry.

[Indistinguishable] is to let, do you know of a friend who would take it, 6 years lease. I think they got about 130 salmon this year, the house, fishing and shooting all included. I think it would be about £300 per annum but will let you have details if you want them. It is I suppose the best salmon fishing in England, April & May. Hoping you have good news of your sons and that they are all well with kindest regards to Ms. H.

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