

Campbelltown Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> 1833

Dear Brother,

I have made one more unsuccessful attempt to sell Fathers farm and have delayed writing this letter in hope that I might still sell by private sale. The day I had fixed on for the sale by public vendue was the 21<sup>st</sup> of Sept. and it proved to be a very rainy one which prevented purchasers from coming any distance and in fact prevented those near at hand save one who was made very easy about buying because there was none to bid against him. I tried in vain to get him to make me a liberal offer. I learnt since that he had some idea of purchasing a plantation in the lower part of the county which was advertised for sale, at least he wanted to see which could be bought the cheapest but he has failed there also they refused to strike off too. Philip Gruber was offered by Ulrich 65 dollars cash per acre for his and would not sell and Pask but 60 the one half cash and the widow's third as good as such except that it need not be paid for some time, so that  $\frac{2}{3}$  would be cash which would leave but  $\frac{1}{3}$  to be paid in gales in four years. The terms are middling hard but father has made them so and I cannot alter them. The principal objection is the widow's third which objection I tried to soften by allowing the purchaser after the death of the widow the privilege of paying the third in three yearly payments without interest. I want to sell if possible and will probably take 55 rather than not sell and be pestered with taking care of the farm longer. I am prevented from attending to any business of my own by fathers Estate for I cannot leave home for any

length of time for James is wholly unfit to attend to such affairs. I would still be more anxious to sell if it was not impossible that I can leave this country for some time until the Estates are settled up which father was engaged in and that may be two or three years yet. I have got rid of at last that damnable 15 years lawsuit. I endeavored with all my might to get a trial at Lebanon after the decision of the Supreme <sup>Court</sup> in our favour - I spicall with our attorney to come on and put an end to what he had been already too long engaged in. I threatened him if he did not I would employ others that would and more that we would settle the case among ourselves at any cost every sacrifice sooner than that we should be cursed with it any longer. but all to no purpose and we finally settled the matter against the will of both attorneys - in fact all the lawyers in Lebanon wanted to persuade Wolperberg that he was very foolish in settling with us. The heirs of John Carper agreed all but Rettering to lose 500 dollars of the money and the administrators their pay for their services. At first I said if the heirs of J. Carper would agree to settle I would throw in father pay for his services but Rettering refusing I then said I would not but would hold father back to meet any and every expense or demand that might possibly be made against me as his executor and being also that we as administrators of the Estate of J. Carper were losing too much according to what they heirs were. Then I said I would not be willing to lose more than one of the heirs which I was willing to lose the heirs will lose little

or nothing if we take nothing for our trouble. To give you  
a full history of the matter would take too long and would  
still be imperfect until after we have made settlements  
with the heirs which we expect to do between this and New  
year unless we cannot agree the consequence of which will  
be another or perhaps a lawsuit for each heir, but to avoid  
which I will make some further sacrifices. That we will  
disagree is a dead certainty for you know what a mean  
ungenerous pack of blockheads we have to deal with.  
Beside that father the acting administrator, who knew how  
matters rested between the heirs is no more and I you well know  
from father's disposition of keeping matters to himself am pretty  
much in the dark and am yet the only one who must be  
in fact can the matter. I have escaped the mightiest of a few  
but there is still that back which will puzzle me to, 65  
through <sup>with</sup> but I will meet it the best way I can. I filed an  
account on father's personal estate in August but the Court put it  
off till the next term a copy of which you can have if you  
wish it as soon as the Court shall act on it. I asked John Not-  
perberger if he knew how much of the Estate of Carpenter came  
into his father's hands and he said he did not and Samuel Carpen-  
ter (Old Sam I mean) said the same of himself. Do you call such men  
administrators how am I to get along with such men when  
I show them from father's papers what they did get will  
they believe me No notwithstanding the have or had firm faith  
in father's integrity when a man's pocket is touched he begins to cavil  
all is well - more when I have fewer battles to fight.

John Geddes

Harewell

William Geddes

John Sawyer recovered

\$4,600.00 Money Contracted for

the sum of \$4,600.00

Money received by S. D. Baker & Son

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Ypsilanti  
Michigan

Campbell's Tavern

