

Palmyra April 2nd 1836

Dear Brother, Your letter of the 12th March arrived but on the 30th it having two post marks on and marked mispent from Palmyra New York. I never filed exceptions to my declaration on that estate and so shortly before the argument ^{court} in March that it could not be tried and had to lie over to the next in May: on the 12th which it will no doubt be tried that being the day fixed on. His exceptions are that I ought to have charged myself with the \$1311.11 the balance due by father on his executor acc^t, and \$800 which he says father collected from several of the heirs on their notes or Book acc^t. In defence I mean to show that father has accounted for all the personal estate in his settlement as executor and the \$1311.11 he in that acc^t acknowledges to be indebted and therefore there is no necessity to account for it again & if he does show that father received \$800 as administrator I will contend that it was through a mistake and that he ^{had} no right to do so and that they only from whom that money was collected have any right to call me in question about it. Gov. Ritner is doing nobly and as far as I have heard gives universal satisfaction to his own party. The Bank was chartered by nearly two thirds of both houses. 9 of the Jackson party in the senate voted for it. He has so amended the school law that it has carried in all directions: even in Lebanon County four townships supported it. Dig. Londonderry Amille, Hanover and Lebanon Borough. I headed the friends of the school against the Early^s and beat them by 9 of a majority. And I believe next year they will be defeated two to one. There is great exertions making by the Van Buren party to get the people excited about the chartering of the Monster but it's all in vain. The Bank hobby horse is worn down and from all appearances it will pull down the Jackson party with it and will itself rise and be more popular than ever. The situation our 30 millions of surplus revenue is in, in the present Deposit Banks is opening the eyes of the people very much. All of them taking them on an average having 3 dollars of the surplus revenue to one of specie to pay it with and some of them much more. One of your Patriot Banks has near 800 thousand of it!!! Denny and his associates were pretty generally condemned and I believe that Harrison will get the undivided vote of Whigs and Anti^s, as well as many of the former Jacksonmen and carry this state by a large majority. I paid William four dollars this time last year for the Philadelphian which brought your acc^t up to July

1st 1836. I will send him another year's subscription with Thomas
who is going shortly there. The snow is partly all gone but the ground is
not yet fit for ploughing. The winter lasted from Nov. 1st to April 1st
without intermission. Agrippa does not intend going West this spring he and
Thomas having agreed on being partners in a store and Thomas will look
out a situation this summer and prepare to enter in business early next spring.
He will go on to Pittsburg shortly and there take the steamboat down
the Ohio to Louisville and then travel into the states of Indiana, Illinois,
and Missouri but at what place he will locate he does not pretend to
say. From appearances I suspect he will be married before he goes West to
a Philadelphia lady but I may be mistaken. Ann has moved to Knoxville
and her good man is very urgent to have her money. I am in such a hurry
don't sugar well especially when I am in difficulties which at the least
will be an expense to ^{the} estate if no great loss and if I were to call on him
to pay back his proportion of such expense or loss there would hardly be
such a thing in returning it. I have concluded to hold 100 of each share
to meet the expense or loss that may be and save myself the trouble of
collecting of each his or her share of any expense or loss but what will be
thought of. I am in much the worst situation of any of you and for that
reason ought not to be pestered with complaints from any one. I am fully
aware of what is my own interest and that of all concerned and the
interests of the rest on I am I able to further but not my own - is
that not hard very hard. Here have I not been able to leave three
months at any time since father's death now near four years. Will
I be paid for all this forced neglect of my own best interests, trouble
loss of time and expenses. Let a man be rewarded for having so successfully
resisted heavy unjust demands that was brought against the estate
by no weak foes. And that with gain to the estate so far but surely
with considerable loss to myself. The land could not have been sold
at the price it has been sold at sooner for father in his Will positively
forbade its being sacrificed by a too hasty sale and I considered myself
bound by the Will not to sell in less than three years for the price I have
taken as it is full low and I could have had at least 5 more per acre
if had waited a month longer but I feared I might lose the bidder
I had like Clark had done and knew we could soon realize four times
the difference in the West and possibly double the money in five years.

I feel conscious that I have not only sought but obtained the best interests of all consistent with my duty to execute the will according to the father's intentions: and if all receive their money this spring for it accomplish which my best exertions will be put forth there can be no just cause of complaint of any one. But it is hardly possible for me to be in Michigan as soon as you wish. If you had offered to pay my expenses to come and return on purpose it is likely I would. One of our Cousins John Allen son of the Sickles maker was here lately they were all well and he says Aunt Sarah McDonald is still living and well as well as all the family. John McDonald is keeping store. Aunt Sally Clokey is yet living but is very poor in purse and weak in body. How must John Sawyer feel to see so many of his nearest relations retuned to poverty in their old days. It looks a little like as if he might live to have the like fate which he richly deserves. Samuel Sawyer is returned from Ohio when he says he was going to school last winter and expects to get \$1000 from his father but will be disappointed for he has not been able to raise \$500 which I made stepmother demand of him on acct. of the trouble he is putting me to. She has lent it to him three years ago out of Isabel McClure's money. Isabel well and wont live much longer. April 5th I received the balance of \$468.18 on the day of the date of this letter and arranged matters with Mr. Metzger about the Bonds. He is to pay the present worth of three Bonds shortly in order to enable me to pay off Anna and the other two first next spring the last to remain to the time it comes due for Robert. Which will answer very well as Agrippa does not want his for next spring and I can see the rest of you in full now whenever called upon. The following is nearly what the estate amounts to the Corn being yet unsold which I valued at 100

Due on Settlement of personal estate - ¹⁸³² 438.19	Amount \$ 11128.79
proceeds of Farm in 1833 = 457.52	Thirds of 34 th int. = 570.41
do. do. 1834 = 456.41	\$ 10558.38
do. do. 1835 = 797.73	Pa. Foster 25 th Sept 25 = 58.38 and sundry others 13.38
Recd. from Carpio's estate = 206.56	\$ 10500.00
Amount charged to R. B. Graydon = 350.	500. = Executors charge
to John Geaves = 45.	This = 9 th \$ 10000.
of Hand money in 1836 = 4468.18	\$ 11111.11 = each share
Present worth of Bonds discounted at 6 th p. Ct. = 3898.64	Recd. by you = 425. or thereabouts
Ball. of personal unaccounted for in 1 st Sett. = 10.96	\$ 686.11
\$ 11128.79 3 rd of Isabel = 198.67	= 884.78 = off 120 to meet Sawyer

Our Accounts stand to the best of my knowledge thus Viz. 1833 I pd. you \$55 in Cash
 \$45 was charged in the bill \$10 left to pay taxes and again sold my Coat at \$16 and
 April 6th 1835 pd. William \$4 then \$287 of Isabel = \$417. Interest on the 55 to 9th Oct.
 1833 when my account was confirmed of the balance which you were indebted
 to \$15.39 and interest on the \$287 for at least one year = 20.09 = in all \$40 + 16 = \$56
 It is impossible for me to leave home before the 13th May so that if want
 the money sooner you must fetch it. Have nothing to do with Bronson. All an well
 To W. John Geades William Geades

1835

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 3.75
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 15.00

Palmyra Pa
 April 5.

17.471 \$
 9.11
 17.48
 49
 526.1 = 1
 58.8 = 2
 2808
 564
 311

Mr John Geades
 Ypsilanti
 Michigan

27.79 1/2
 31.83 1/2
 4.37 1/2
 2.49
 39.70

