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Letter to Unknown

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What you wrote concerning the promising youth, son to ^{your} worthy friend and Bro. Lawyer Col. Hinkley, excites my warmest sympathy. What could have induced him to so unguarded a step? Little did he know of that world into which he so rashly launched, without a pilot and without a friend. I have made inquiry of the Keeper of the Coffee-house who is generally known and knowing throughout this town, and can gain no tidings. No such person, he is confident, is among us. Please present my best respects to his excellent parents and assure them that should it please Providence to throw their dear son in my way, I shall spare no pains to do him service, and will immediately write you on the subject.

I find, with a kind of delight that fills my eyes with tears, that you have anticipated the request made in my last letter concerning our dear & revered Mother Mrs. Fay. The knowledge of your benevolent heart might have spared me the necessity of saying any thing on the subject. "He is rich you" and that is enough. Yet I can't refrain from a solemn & serious request to put her expenditures to my Dr. It is my duty to minister to her wants, and you have enough to do besides. Be not too covetous of doing good. You have engrossed "all the deer branches of our horn Branch," leave some gleanings for your kinsmen, the Moabites in the south who have heard of the fame of Boaz and fair would linger around his fields.

— You mention "your Family Circle in Vermont" — Pray do not, when they take place, forget to be religious and pray for "absent friends." They are with you in imagination, I'll assure you, & never cease to entreat the Good God to watch over you and grant you his choicest blessings — blessings from Heaven above & the earth beneath.

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As to the Sale of the Lot, if it should prove that a demand for all cash should essentially diminish its price, as it probably will in that place. I should have no objections to 1/3 money & the rest secured by a bond and mortgage with the lawful interest of that state for any number of years. What think you of it? — Only fix the business that if it should please God I ever go back to my native land I may never be obliged to visit a place where I have been so used & so unfortunate. Blessed be God that I have left it. When I did so it formed a new and happy epoch in the history of my humble life.

You mention the note you have, according to my request ~~desired~~ of my Bro^r in law Mr. Jeddiah Fay. All is well — except one item in the mode in which I hoped, for pure delicacy and good will, the business would be transacted. Instead of having the interest subject to my order I wished it to be to that of his Mother (or Parents as the case then was)

This I thought would take off the edge of the business — manifest my willingness to assist him and the family and at the same time do justice to my own wife and family should I be taken from them. If it be not already finished pray have the thing done in this way. I want the Interest to be secured from him to his mother while she lives. Small as it is — it may with other little sums be of service to her. Why this Bro^r Jed of ours does not write to us I can not imagine. Could he have misapprehended this affair so far as to be out of humor with us? — As to Dr. J. I am equally astonished with you. — That the money could have been sent sooner is hardly possible for him to suppose. for a very little inspection might convince him that the money left ^{me} some months before it was due — and as to Woodstock Bills, that reasonable men can complain at the lawful current money of the Country of which he is ass in habitant, and in whose government he has a voice equal to any. I may as well complain that my debts are not paid in Pupees, the currency of the Indies. — Have the goodness to manage this affair in your own way.