

than obtain that a Mans Estate is liable pay for
be expected by Mr Gordons ~~Descendants~~ that they can pay for
Debts are paid. — Mr John Gordons plan in my Opinion should be to bring all
the Estate of every kind to Account — turn them into money or Security — see what
Debts his father Estate is forced & obliged to pay — and the Residue may be divided
in Proportion among the Legates according to the value intended to be left by Mr
Gordon — for Instance — suppose the Estate intended to be left to John Gordon was
1000 L. and the Estate to One of the Grand Children 100 L. then to divide the
Clear Estate — John would be entitled in Justice to 10 times the share of the other.

The above is what will be the Event at last and it is better to do it without
delay, and prevent Law suits which are extremely expensive & tedious — Mr John
Gordon has two methods to Chuse — One to stay in the Country & finish it
himself — Or to empower some person to do it for him, — As there are a great
many People concerned and a good many difficulties to get over perhaps it may
be a work of Labour & time —

If Mr Gordon intends to stay and finish I think his best way would be in the first place
to persuade or Compel his Cousins Hamilton's & Belts to give up their
Legacies into the General Lump towards payment of Mr George Gordons Debts &
then Advantize the whole Estate for Sale — and dispose of it in parcels to the
best Advantage giving time to the Purchasers in order to raise the price — and
taking their Bonds with good Security — which may be paid to the Creditors as
money — This may be done with the Real Estate — Mean time Mr Gordon is
finish her Administration of the Personal Estate and pay off all that she is
Obliged to pay — It is impossible to say what Residue there will be — when
we see Mr Mephsons state of the Affairs in Scotland and what he can do towards
satisfying the Debts that Mrs Gordon is bound with him for we shall be better
able to Judge — Mr John Gordon will have his share of difficulty in
the settlement of all these matters —

If Mr B's Letters are to be depended
on, and his Interest sufficient, it should seem he was strongly disposed to
promote Mr G in the India Service upon his return from Maryland with his
Letters & Mr Recommendation — I am persuaded they will do every thing
incumbent on them for so good a purpose — and to make his stay as agreeable
as that as possible —