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case, should I choose, nor do I think it right any Orphans Money should rest on the single Security of a Man in Business, when Very Near the same Interest in hole get in the Funds, with! Running that Risk attending every thing of a commercial Nature, or indeed with! Running any Risk at all — You have been extremely Friendly already in communicating this matter to me in the Kind manner You have done — Shall I presume a little Farther on my Friendship? I am Really anxious to be perfectly Satisfied ab! the matter I have Just mentioned: Perhaps it may be in Yr power to inform me whether My Brother Dan's Fortune is drawn out of the funds or not; or if this information be not in yr Power, Would it be too much trouble for you to take some little pains to get at the truth of the Matter? It never entered into my head before, such a thing was possible, yet hope it is Not the case; Yr Letter However has awakened some cautious thoughts ab! it, from the acc! it gives of WS's Reserved Conduct, which, tho' it may proceed from the most innocent cause, I think is sufficient to oblige us both to be on our Guard agt every possible inconvenience that may arise from it —

I have Now given You My Sentiments on this Step of our WS's, and in so doing have been unavoidably led to Mention Matters foreign to our Joint concern, for which I hope I shall have Your Excuse. If the Matter which Occasions this Correspondence should be entirely laid aside, I believe my thoughts on the Subject had better be buried in Oblivion — If on the contrary Mr Jennings is appointed a Supervisor, and WS determines to close with any Proposal that will put an end to the Connection with us, he has No Right to draw his Share of Stock, till the Companys affairs are Settled in such a Manner, that the Other Parties cannot possibly suffer the least Injury by it, that is, till every transaction is closed or put on a Secure Footing; When that is Done I should have no more Objection than you, to his putting in Execution a Scheme, which he May