Nd. Emily Hollingsworth to Wm

one that as her intelligence is preserved to her, the mutt feel acutely the distress her condition occasions those dearest to her, & yet, we could not wish that intelligence deadened, mind & soul are the highest parts of the compound nature our Creator has bestowed upon His creature man, and next to sin, the loss of mental power, is the greatest trial. Please give my best love to them when they are able to receive it. Saturday evening I found, on calling in Mr. Ff. that I had had returned home, & on asking him to meet Gally here this morning, he said, he had not time to do it, so we agreed that under the circumstances & the moral affect in which I held the matter, that he should come last evening & look over the papers. It is evident that Mr Mc Murtrie had not the time to give to such a matter which, probably, appears to him unimportant & complicated & therefore, does the best he can according to his time, but, it is not quite satisfactory to me. I had carefully, examined the copy of the Deed from Doulby to Grand-father, which Bickel & Co had brought Mr Mc Murtrie, the original of which, they say, was burned in Richmond during the late war; also the memoranda that I found in the chest up stairs & the Deed Saml. G Thompson had drawn up for me to sign, as a quit-deed to Bickel & Co for the Tilton title to the land. I am glad I had agreed with me, that I had better not sign this quit-deed until