

Jan'y 30. 1828

Dear Sir. To Mrs. Jackson, W. Ringgold's house. Roper,
died, about 10 days ago, without a will, and without
having any relation. She was worth about \$500,
~~and~~ all personal property, which, I suppose,
will go to the state. She had frequently declared
in her will to leave every thing to her
son, Ringgold, and supposed that her unbal-
anced direction to that effect would be sufficient.
She never expressly called in witnesses, nor did she
make any disposition of her property in her last
illness. Therefore her declaration is not
amount to a will. But if the circumstances
mentioned can be proved; that is, if he wishes
to be repeatedly exposed before disinterested persons,
if the ~~circumstances~~ ^{circumstances} her relations, to exhibit
her property, ~~and~~ ^{it would seem} ~~that~~ ^{states} ~~that~~ ^{that} ~~it~~ ^{should}
proper that the ~~law~~ ^{law} ~~should~~ ^{should} ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~his~~ ^{his} ~~favor~~ ^{favor}
and all right to it is in behalf of
Mr. Ringgold. I saw Mr. Ringgold yesterday
evening, and she requested me to call on Mr.
Lambert to the subject. I have also written to
Mr. Harison. Depositions can be immediately
taken, if necessary, to prove the facts stated.
An act might then be passed, as I have sug-
gested, saving, of course, the right of any re-
lative that might appear. But it is known
that she left no relation. I may be mistaken
about the common necessity to be taken, having
consulted no one, and indeed having no time.
Ringgold's family you know are very poor, and
I feel interested that his little daughter
should get what Mr. Jackson supposed she
had legally given to her.

Yours sincerely

Wm. Harison