

Fortune Rock, Mo. Nov. 9, 1842.

My dear Sir,

I have been endeavoring to adjust the various accounts connected with the Agency as far as possible; and among others I had made one that for the creditors up to 31 Dec. next, hoping to pay them all off by that time. This statement as a certificate as my loose information about dates will allow me to ~~be~~ ^{to be} ~~use~~ ^{use} for general purposes, the exact amounts to be paid ~~out~~. You will perceive that yr. affairs are ^{direction} fully embraced ~~you desire~~; & I send it to you for yr. convenience, ~~not direction~~.

Yrs of 29th ult. reached me on 3rd inst. at same time with one from Capt. Austin which precludes the necessity of my intended journey to St. Charles. I have drawn on Watt, Burke & Co. in f. of Wm. G. Harrison, whom I requested to draw the money from their house in N. C. and wrote to them to that effect. The draft is for \$4,314. in full of dues for slaves sold to Mr. Clements. This money will be ready for the creditors, having accidents, by Christmas.

I am obliged to you for yr. expressions of regard and confidence in myself, but far more so for the just and generous view you take of the conduct of my brother. He is truly an honest man and a good one (I never make you hear bleed to read his confidential letters to me on this subject). I have stated his age upon Grayson's letter (which I return) and upon other information scattered through correspondence and Memoranda of six years running. I allow him 5 p. ct. Com. for selling, & 3 1/2 p. ct. for collecting and remitting, but no ^{other} allowance for expenses; I charge him with Int. at 7 p. ct. (which is the bank rate there) on all sums rec^d without making any allowance for depre.

I have written to him that he must send \$2000 or more by Christmas so that the creditors can be paid in full by New Year. If he will do this, he may send me his notes for the balance, payable annually with 7 p. ct. int. on the whole, & securing the bank by pledging in Jackson & pledging the rent to this object. If he cannot do this, I will send an order for the \$2000 detained wrongfully in Natchez, and I will sue at once; send me also note for the balance, payable 30 d after demand, and I will sue him, if necessary. But at all events, it must be now settled by cash or note, or I will be with him in person.

Mr. Donaldson has assented to my statement making him indebted \$114⁸⁸/₁₀₀; but he makes no charge for services or postage. For sake of convenience, and avoid hurting him, I think it better to retain services for receiving remittances; and you can draw the money for him, or let him make the payments in full in your name, as trustee.

I have opened this to say that you may lay out of the money paid for expenses &c. and as you relinquish a larger proportion than any other office. I have required Mr. Donaldson for \$540.31 in favor of the money shall be yours & the remainder