Perry Hall, Agt. 30th = 1834.

Dear Sir,

a letter I received yesterday through my son David, regarding the impending marriage between himself and your Daughter, expressing a desire that we should understand each other relative to the prospects and expectations of our young people previous to their marriage; so as to prevent any disappointment which might ensue thereon. I am ready to do at present for my son's establishment, welfare and success in life, whatever discretion and prudence would suggest considering the engagements which I have to meet and the indispensable demands of my family. What I can do for him at present, is, to place him in a situation where, with activity and management he may live in comfort and free from want. It would not be convenient for him to go to Oak Land, immediately — as the tenant's lease for that farm will not expire before the end of the next year. I propose to him to settle on the farm adjoining P Hall called Morlings — leaving it optional with himself whether to remain there longer than one year — I will give him the profits of this farm, which vary agreeable to the seasons, and the section of the farm cultivated — will put the house in comfortable repair, and furnish it in a plain way with what may be useful and necessary — will afford him the