

you have taken. The objects to be attained are great and involve our very highest duties namely that of a son to his an afflicted mother. I said little to you while the subject was pending as I wished you to exercise your free & unbiased judgment. Your success depends upon yourself & I think you possess that moral energy and self sacrificing principle which will carry you thro triumphs.

I have no objection to your selling Spence & Jane to Davis, giving Dr. Hensley the refusal of them. He will sell to me I think only in case of necessity as it will produce alarm & distrust to send people over the water. I wrote you expressing a wish to effect a sale of John to Henry Holliday as we will find great difficulty in getting him home elsewhere. Henry is always salubrious besides John may run. You make no mention of this letter & take it for granted ~~Holliday~~ will you have been unsuccessfull in your attempts to sell John to Holliday.

Has Thomas forked over to mother the thing

dollars? As regards another sale you must judge of that yourself. Make out a list of things & see if they are sufficient to authorize it.

Have you got settled with Mr. Hensley the principle of settling should be this I think. Did he incur half the risk ~~to~~ trouble & responsibility of settling his father's estate? If not half what portion? My own opinion is that the \$100 for Flora is a sufficient compensation.

As regards Harry's proposition for the hay I refer you to his memorandum to me for the amount of hay delivered which you will find amongst the notes due by the estate. You should bear in mind too that the stack he hauled in was the smallest of the three my impression is that the hay delivered at \$8 per ton amounts to something like \$24. If this amount does not much exceed \$20 you might take that as a fair price for the remaining stacks or you might agree that he should have them at \$8 per ton he doing the hauling.

Do as the Judge advises about the farm. Propose to Peter that he shall try & sell it