Philip Graf
25th Sept. 1844
Frederick

Frederick. Sept. 24th 1844

Dear Sir,

Your letter came duly to hand. I have made the necessary inquiries & examination & the result is, that the property is wholly unencumbered & would at all times command, cash, from $250 to $300. It is assessed at $500. I have therefore prepared the mortgage & now only wait for $200. from you to close the matter. The mother is the legal owner of the property & I have of course therefore drawn the mortgage in her name.

In addition to the mortgage I have consented at Grof's request to take a deed of trust of the property, so that I can sell it any time that opportunity offers, without going to the expence of foreclosing the mortgage. This deed will be executed subsequent to the mortgage & will therefore not interfere in any shape with your rights under it.

Yours truly
W B Duckett.

P. S. Grof is anxious to close the matter at once. To fork over the cash.

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