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Dear Father

I received your letter yesterday evening by Mr Thomson, he left all well in Galesburg. I think it will scarcely be necessary for me to go farther into mourning than wearing a crape which I got on the receipt of my Aunts death, Mr Sancy who stands related to her in the very degree that I do has not done it, connected only by affinity. Accompanied by this you will receive a letter from Mr Sancy he & I find on a final conversation does not approve of an action being brot on the first trespass, nor a suit on on an ejectment, as he is of opinion you would be barred by the Statute of limitations. on the trespass he thinks the jury would think it was merely a spirit of litigation, which inclines you to the action & one dollar would be about the amount of damages in your favour. Mr S therefore advises you to shut it up again. If then opened it would appear setting at defiance every thing like reason, that perhaps then the damages would defray expenses, & I should say file a petition, for opening a private road, but through **his** ignorance or the inattention of the clerk your name (as being the owner of the land) was omitted, therefore the proceedings are null and if inclined he will have to file another petition. And before that can be done perhaps he would commit an aggravated trespass, in case of ^{an} action it must be brot in Marks's name or whoever is in possession of the land on both sides of the lane & altho you would have to bear all expenses your name or