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Jos. Motter

Mr. E. Parks
Mercantile Store
Md

mouldering in the clods of the Ohio Valley — ——

Before I left Morris Town I wrote to Mr Gunton requesting him to meet me here, he did so last week — We took an inventory of the stock &c in the establishment after balancing every thing & deducting the debts due Mr G. & others, there remains about 1500$ over — Mrs will left all to Victor with the condition that he wd do for his Mother & Sisters the part he had done — Mr Jno Robertson & myself had intended to administer, it being Mrs request that I would take a kind of controul over the affairs untill V. would be of age, but on examining the law upon the subject we found that we could not do so without returning an inventory to the Court & going into the regular settlement which wd have been troublesome & very expensive to the estate, We therefore adopted a more economical plan, that of letting Victor administer & give security to the Court for the payment of all just debts, thereby saving 50 or 100$ to him, he has promised to do all in his power to pay off speedily & I have full confidence in his declarations — I have stated to him the obligations he is laid under to relieve his friends who have gone his security

He is well calculated to attend to business & so far has given satisfaction to his friends — He is bound by honor to lay before myself & Mr Robertson at any time his books that we may be able to see how he is getting along —

Mr Gunton's debt was 2700$ after I came home we paid him 618.70 leaving a balance due him of 2000$ with Int. from april last — I think that in two yrs Victor may be almost out of debt — I hope the friendship you had for Mr & still manifest for the family, will induce you to write to Victor occasionally, & advise him, he is young & a little prompting from an old friend may not be lost on him — He has promised to answer your letter — I remain yrs very Respectfully

Wm M. Marshall