Wagers Town Nov 6

Respected Friend

Your kind letter of the 13 Oct was received and aught ere this to have been answerd, But since the death of poor Wm I have been much engaged, the books were behindhand, and much writing on hand, I made out every account on the books and closed them by Note where the money could not be had, The death of Wm left a vacency not easely filled he was respected by all that new him and died as he had lived a Christian, his death came to me with a piercing sting we had lived together and reposed together in perfect unison, he gave me council and advice worthey to be followed. One happy consolation I have is that he reposed all confidence in me and I well know that I never abused it I always had his interist at heart, and strived to do my duty, But I find some diffevence in haveing the whole responsibi of business at a moment put upon you, it causes you to reflect and think yes and act not with rashness but sobernes, Shortly after Wm death Mr Gunton came up and showed a disposition to be friendly towards me, just then I thought of you knowing that Wm had received advice from you which proved much to his advantage for advice comeing from you he received as comeing from a father but I soon perceived around me friends willing to sustain me, and whose advice would be wholesome and good Mr Gunton I think would have been willing to had business go on as it had formerly he seemd to have full confidence in me, but some one must administer on the Estate I have administerd and given Security to the Court for the payment of all debts, Mr John Robertson went my Security he is a friend a friend indeed, he has the heart of an Irishman for his friendship will I ever fell gratefull and his advice highly prizze, As yet I am alone but will shortly get a boy I do not wish to be in too great haste for I would like to get one that would answ and on as reasonable terms as possible, I intend to devote my whole

Mr Isaac Gray from near Newry, a zealous Presbyterian whom I believe I spoke of to you, went out to the Genesee & died lately has left a widow & 5 Children. we have got the widow to come to Richmond where I trust Providence will provide for her. I beg my sincere & respectful regard to Miss Bronie. I will have the pleasure, please God of writing to her in a few Posts. I should have done so long since but my truly honored & I may say loving & distracted situation prevented me. I hope my silence in not replying to your letter, a host of which has hurt my feelings - least you should think I could suppose there was a falling off in your good wishes & feelings towards me - if I have jealously exposed myself so believe me it was without intention -

Abington Pa Novem 30 -

My Dear Friend

Your welcome Letter of 29th August reached me in course of post, your kind advice I have weighed & taken into consideration I explained my motives for wishing to sell out. however I would weave them all, have I any ulterior object of getting my Children educated, & as long as we remain in this place, I see no prospect of doing so - I have no wish to sell, only on this acct, I now think, as you observe; as I have got the mills in complete order & at a great expence I may expect to make something by them. Grenville would not be satisfied unless I purchased every operative requisite for a merch mill & the expence & trouble has been serious, & not yet entirely finished - owing to the cunning of my millwright making new works, & machinery, far beyond my calculation, providing & attending to all the requisites has occupied my entire time & attention; otherwise I should have written you long since, but indeed, this should be no apology, when I consider what I felt on not hearing from you, & I should apply the maxim, do as you wish to be done by. - after I rec'd your letter I had a proposal to rent the mills, & concluded to take $365 annually for 4 years, offered by my millowright, my neighbour who has a mile & a mill from the S, surpass, on hearing the offered him at $500 for 3 years, to the same person, & broke off our trade, but when it came to a final conclusion the Noble Clown (the Owner) has to out (as they say here) with many evasiv quibbles, & lies, so that the millwright has been disappointed, I have had several offers for sale, but will not conclude finally until you are apprised of the whole circumstances, indeed until I get the full value, as such property is rapidly advancing owing to the numerous settlers, now from the Carolines, Virginia Kentucky, &c, &c daily coming in - the Corn laws in

Wm Isaac Gray
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State of New York

Abington Pa Nov 13th 1830
Dear Sir
I received your kind letter of the 29th August, & was much pleased with the contents, but was sorry to see you had not received a letter from me since I left home, as I wrote several times, & sent the last by a young man who was to see you safely to your door. I hope you will have received it before this time. I have not time to write more at present, as I am in great hurry, but will write more shortly, when I have more time. I remain your friend & well wisher
Thos Gale

Mr Gale
Abington
Montgomery Co
Penna

Mr J. Bronie
Honeydale Near
Jamestown
N.Y.

Single

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Robert Forman

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by this time I hope you have got all safe from winter storms, & that you will favour me with a few lines which I believe will do me more service than medical prescriptions - Mrs S desires to unite in affect regards to your Family - she thinks yet, she will see you one more, a hankering I despair of ever leaving however there is nothing impossible - I get the Army list & feel obliged, will some day I hope communicate the expences - when you write worthy Cousin, I hope to hear from him. believe me dear Cousin

ever faithfully yours

R S -