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Letters 1837

Abingdon 2 Jany 37 Free
R. Thompson Esqre Va.
To Mr. Timothy Birnie
Thos Dale
Taney Town Md.

My Dear Mr Birnie

A little time after my wife's return I took the liberty of addressing you, but not having the pleasure of a reply, I fear my letter must have miscarried — It was through my Cousin Wm Shaw, I spoke of Tommy going to Westhy as an apprentice in the expectation that he would give him a little more Education of which he has been deprived, at my residence all the Children got, was through their Mother as my time was wholly employed about my Mill & its appendages — I have expended upwards of 700 Dollars in the last 4 years, the floods, always taking off my Dam & other injuries, so that I found it impossible to succeed — and was happy & thankful of the release — in the hope that it would afford me more time to apply myself to a better purpose — my circumstances were unfortunate; however I have reason to be very thankful for the kindness I have met with — I purpose putting my Children to school immediately & have removed my all to Richmond, but the most extraordinary season that ever happened here has prevented us running — until we find a change. Tommy's disposition is good and obedient his pleasure is to obtain knowledge & wants

Balto 26 Jany 1837

My dear father yours has been rec.d & in relation to Thomy did I know what to do I pay you I would. I will write to Marshall & try & bring Mr V B up to the point, I think you should not be so grieved about a prospective suit I hope some thing will turn up at all events if it should come to a suit surely I will be enabled to sell the up land before your property would be endangered, if suit be bot I will have the record changed into my name & if it must be so let the B.k sell my land Buckwheat bins along the bay is not empty but I will send it up next week — as to Duncan

Mr Birnie

Balto 26 Jany 1837
Birnie Esqr

Balto 6 Jany 1837

My dear father yours of the 19th Dec.r all to hand safely rec.d but he left town sooner than I anticipated I was disappointed in writing — In relation to the note I have written to the Bank after seeing Mr V B to delay proceeding until say the 3 Monday in March as they write then he is nearly as ready as being now. They understand my situation & that between this & then something will turn up either in relation to an elongation of time or pay to the BK & I hope they will comply. If not they shall be out of the means as long as my advice to my counsel will admit possible, but they are counsel to pursue their own course. However knowing the times & the difficulty of selling land I think from the course they have pursued they will be lenient.

As regards my farm & Duncan let him have it. Inasmuch as the 15 I believe is considered a small modicum any improvements he wants on the house barn or fences he must put them on at his own expense as I have no means

As regards the appointment from the County I an appointment in DC against an application embracing my views to consider my appln

it has been given to one Wm to Key either for or in the West — He advises but I think he did not fully because he sums for office in DC alone & I think I will write him again

In relation to my note on Jas Smith If he will pay he will on this ~~receipt~~ order but I dare not to ask the b of the note ~~'Rec.d this day of 1837 from Jas Smith for Mr C Birnie the sum of $15 in full of all notes claims & demands to this day~~