as cultivated it but the democratic Jackson state of Pa such is the consistency of politics & politicians. It has stood the war beyond all parallel. What must have been its reputation abroad with its stock at 70 to be able to borrow several millions & the government of its own country opposed to it. Biddles reputation sustained it & to effect so much it must have been well managed. The Election of H will so change the state legislatures as to ensure peace to the banks. If Pa is for H her assembly will be so also & the Bk of the Rd will not have the threat hanging over her as last winter that they would take away her charter – thus she can accommodate & help the merchants out of their troubles & so with the other states & banks this I consider will be the chief benefit of his election for altho we have too many banks, as matters stand it is only through their assistance we can get relief now, had there never been so many it would not there have been but they are the only medium thro which sudden relief can come. The sub-treasury also which is only another name for an all powerful & unlimited Government Bk circulating its notes (drafts) without limit will also be erected – & the specie, those drafts represent, will be got into circulation & not hoarded in the treasury box at 8 to 1. What think you of a government electioneering (writing letters & making speeches) with the treasury in one hand & the offices in the other to keep themselves in office & power ??? if this be the virtue of a democracy I cant be a democrat. If I had money to invest I would do it in the US Bk as low as 60 if I could get it. As we require the Banks to lift us up now pothe proper policy would be, as soon as we are able up to curtail them gradually every where & in the mean time if we have not a regulator they will then do more harm as they are but as individuals they must seek custom. Concerning my prospects I will write you when I have any thing worth while to say. I was called on suddenly the other night in church with a congregation of at least 1000 to pray it was as a thunder bolt but I had to go it. Since when the clergy have repeated the call. I think they are disposed to bring me over. We have now a lady servant eating at the table & commanding the keys. It is my intention & desire to go up with H. We expect Cody tomorrow.

16th – Sinclair says for a strong 2 horse or light 4 horse power an inch or 1½ in, grass rope is sold by him. A rope maker his reference says that a grass or hemp rope made as you may wish stretch until the strain opens & straighten. Henderson tells me he sells a short link chain ⅝ of an inch in the thickness for that purpose & 60 feet would cost about 11$ or about 17½ cents per foot could not Hersch accommodate you the links I think are from 1½ to 2 in, in length or less. So I will wait further orders as I think this is all the information I can get just now. A chain 82 ft long cost $14

Have you thought of a broad leather band of 6 or 8 in

Please ask Mary to write me & say on what day the school will close so that I may make my arrangements to go up at such time as to admit of some of the scholars having departed this will not allow me to stay more than a day or two so as to bring Miss Bevans down soon after, I will be up in her father's carriage but if R or Jan can accommodate us I might go earlier if so I would be up about the 1st Oct & return on the 6th

17th Mary's letter rec'd, tell her I suppose I can bring down

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D. Shepard

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