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My dear John

That you may have a definite object to work for, I make two propositions, for the execution of which I am willing to enter into bonds, provided you will do the same and notify me of your intention within one month. The failure to notify me in that time will be considered a ~~withdrawal~~ non acceptance on yr part and a withdrawal on mine.

First proposition

I will release to you my right of election and all my right title and interest in the estate negroes and personal property of Poplar (the little girl Maria and one third of the silver excepted) for the sum of eight thousand dollars, four thousand dollars to be paid now in cash, and four thousand secured by mortgage on the estate, bearing interest at 5 & 6 per cent from the date of mothers death and payable within — years thereafter. You paying Mothers rent or annuity.

Second proposition

Or if you prefer it, I will release to you my right of election & title as above with the same reservations, if you will execute to me within one month from this date, a ~~mortgage~~ bond