immature timber, certainly it was altogether wrong, because the tenancy for life is not merged in the fee tho' he is the owner of both. He has no more rights in the Estate as far as regards the use of the timber than your Mother would have had if she had not sold. Timber now unripe may become ripe and mature in two or three years. If the tenant for life should cut unripe timber or the reversioner either there might never be any ripe and mature timber for the Executors to dispose of and thus this provision of the Will would be defeated.

Albert expressed to me the opinion that there could be sold off ripe and mature timber at least $6,000 Without knowing anything about it I conceived this to be an over-estimate and hence I urged him to accept the agency for the sale, because I thought nothing but his own failure to realise that amount would satisfy him that all had been done that could be done."

(Signed)

M. Brown

True copy of extract

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