

Washington Feb 23 1857

W. John R. Mowry

Dear John

I have read your note of this morning
In reply to your question how you are
procrastinating "this affair" when
you are not the seller, I have to
state that ^{you are the seller} the acceptance of you
of the full agency of the executor
and the receipt of you of a valuable
consideration therefor makes it
in law and equity your duty to
sell the timber of you can and
to do all else in my absence for
the speedy and satisfactory settle-
ment of the estate. The appoint-
ment of Albert to the specific
agency of selling this timber in
no way releases you from the
obligation of trying to sell the
timber, any more than it