advancement of our respective interests concerning the premises, with power to appoint one or more attorneys under him & hereby ratifying confirming & allowing whatsoever our said attorney may rightfully do & perform touching the premises.

Witness our hands & seals this fourth day of January A.D. 1876.

Wellington Leach (Seal)

J. Hersey (Seal)

Sealed & delivered in the presence of

Levi Leach

Dear Sir,

We know of nothing better to be done with Millwood for the present than to rent it. At the same time we think steps should be taken to sell the estate with all possible dispatch and beg you to endeavor to gather the sentiments of the other parties concerned on this subject. As some of the parties concerned are minors we presume an application must be made to Court for a commission to ascertain whether the lands will divide without injury &c. &c. and in this way obtain an authority to sell. If this is not the course please consult the other parties & say to us what course will be most prompt and agreeable. Let us know who is the Exr of Mrs Biggs and the terms if any appointed for the sale of her personal effects, as we should like to have an opp. of being at the vendue.

As the navigation of this bay is closed and we are in a measure cut off from the premises we trust you will represent us in all respects touching our common interests at Millwood, and that you will take the same care of us, you do of yourself, so far as it regards all property in which we have equal & common rights.

Yours very truly

J. Hersey

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