annually, Now to me this seems intolerable that we should be obliged to pay him commissions out of the small sum remaining to each individual after the costs already incurred. I trust some better plan will be devised and that you will give the matter your best consideration on my account if not on your own. Mr G. has written to him urging that the division of the debts was indispensable to the interests of the heirs and that he believed the arrangement feasible and suggested this plan, to divide Pumfry's debt into 4 shares, McGregors into 1, & the purchasers of the quarters into 1, the overplus may be secured to Mr Johnson to pay commissions costs & charges, the balance should there be any, to be paid to the heirs rateably when collected, the bonds to be taken in the name of the trustee and by him transferred to the heirs respectively upon their executing an acquittance to him. Divide Pumfrys debt into 4 shares viz. No 1. say 2500 No 2. 2500. No 3 2500. No 4. Mr Ringgolds 1850. - in all 9350. supposed to be the amount of Pumfry's debt - No 5. McGregors debt - No 6. the debt for the Quarters - each 250 or dolls. - The overplus to be secured as above - I shall send to the P. Office in the morning

in the hope of having from Needwood - it is a long time since I heard from Lee or any one there I am anxious to hear of your entire recovery pray write me how you are and whether you will not come over this winter. But says he wants to see you very much. if William is still at Needwood mention the subject of Mr Johnson's letter to him - should there be any choice in the woods it could be decided by lot - I will also thank you to ask him to get Lee a cap in Baltimore I would have [illegible] so, if I had had his measure [illegible] this time must be shabby and if he [illegible] behaved well since I left him I will gladly give him a cap, But says that his cap does not frighten the ducks when he goes with his father to the Bar as his hat would. I will now conclude this long letter by urging you to write to the trustee at once and to let us hear from you.

Believe me yours My Dear John
very affectionately

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