

Westminster 15th January 1830

Dear Fi

I should have answered your letter yesterday but did not get home until the boy was gone Ephraim from his age to the time he has to serve ought to be worth \$175 or 200\$; but sooner than take him from a place he is satisfied with, will take from you 150\$ for him; less than this I could not consent to take. There are two other Boys one having 7 and the other 14 years to serve, either of which you could have in the spring at 200\$

I find from your letter that you partly misunderstood my intentions I had no design to mingle the two estates, but mainly wished to raise money to satisfy the judgement, which Kurz has taken out of Bank and is proceeding upon against my Fathers property If I could, upon the security of Pollys property barrow a sufficiency to do that, I would immediately proceed to sell off my Fathers property, and with the shares belonging to the children myself and the debt due by my father to John's estate, I would pay the money they borrowed & all things would stand as they now do, only that the () belongings to

my sisters would be released As to the debts due to the Bank they have promised me all the indulgence I could wish & would have indulged me in the case, had no Kurz been persuaded to take up the case It is to talk this case out of Kurz hand & let folks see that I can settle my affair myself that I want to raise money, & only wished to pass Pollys property as security for an amount that I should be directly able to pay

yours respectfully

J Cockey