

New York 8th Nov^r 1839

My dear Sir

Your letter so deeply sympathizing with Mary on myself at the irreparable bereavement which it has pleased the almighty to visit us with - was received by me some days since giving me the much wished for directions as to the most agreeable mode to you of the disposal of the last gift of one so dear to your wife. It is impossible to express to you the state in which such heart rending news left Mary for many days; for three long days she was in a stupor and I greatly feared that she also would be snatched away from me to join that brother whom she had so dearly loved, but God in his mercy spared her, and it is with the deepest gratitude ~~that~~ I can now say that she has gradually recovered her composure and in a measure her spirits; but no length of time can ever repair that which she has lost. Other persons and other things may divert but never eradicate the feelings for and remembrance of, an only Brother.

I should have answered your letter at once but have each day been waiting in the hope that the answer might carry some part of the money in time for you.

Land Sales which by the "Washington Globe" I perceive commence on the 18th inst. last a fortnight, but before yesterday I have not been able to realize at all upon either of the Two Stocks, belonging to you. As yet I have been able to discover only Ten Shares of National Bank Stock worth at par \$50. p share. and Fifteen Shares N.Y. Marine Insurance Stock likewise worth \$50. p share. Upon the Nat^l Bk Stock I found Five unclaimed Dividends of \$20. each making together \$100. and of the Insurance Stock I collected Three back Div^{ds} amounting together to \$184.⁵⁰/₁₀₀ = New York in its money concerns never was more weighed down. Stocks mostly are unsalable except at great sacrifices, but on the arrival of the great Western Steamer bringing rather more favorable news both as to European crops and general commercial concerns, I had an excellent opportunity to obtain ^{a little over} par for the Ten Shares National Bank Stock, which is a very fair rate, and in all probability is as high as the Stock will be for a long time to come. Having no offers for the Insurance Stock, except at an enormous sacrifice I have declined selling it and shall do so until at least par or more than par can be obtained for so valuable property. There will be another Dividend due about the 1st Jan'y when in consequence the Stock will undoubtedly rise, and you may rely upon my doing the best that I can for your interests.

You will find enclosed a Certificate of Deposit payable to your order at the Bank of America, which is the principal Bk Bank in the City, whose Certifs. I have most satisfactorily ascertained are taken at the Land Offices and which I most

sincerely trust will reach you in good time to purchase Lands this fall. The Certificate is good for Eight Hundred Dollars which is thus accounted for

10 Shares Nk Stock worth \$50. p share sold at 102 1/2 %	\$ 512.50
5 Dividends unclaimed on above Stock at \$20. each	100.00
	\$ 612.50
3 Dividends unclaimed on N.Y. Marine Stock anty. to 187.50	
	\$ 800.00

Whether there will be other Stocks yet to be found as yet from some confusion among his Papers, some being among his effects still in Europe, I am unable to say, but from the Account Book lately shown to me by Mary a few days since I think that he had disposed of all his other Stocks except the Two above mentioned previous to his departure. Should any other be found I will give you of it at once and also remit it as I have done this, which is a better mode than sending notes, being most anxious to fulfil explicitly the last requests of one whom I had long loved as a Friend before becoming his near Relative. You cannot imagine the extremeness of the shock to us all since by the very Steamer which brought us the sad news of his death we looked at the list of passengers for his name; think then what a reverse instead of his arrival joyous and delighted to see those whom he loved with the exception of one far off in the West, the vessel brings a letter that we shall never more see him. To your wife whom I once knew and who I trust has also gradually reconciled herself to part with a much loved Cousin and to all of our Relations with yourself Mary unites with me in sending much love. Be the hope that this will find you all well. Believe me most sincerely Yours

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