

Dear John

Burlington 6 Nov. 1837

Yours of the 31<sup>st</sup> ultimo. I recd only last evening; I fear my people will not clear their teeth they ought to clean out at least 60 yds off day of old Hitches. Cross accidents prevents me from going on here as fast as I wish, I will however push & try to come up before long. It's neither my interest to take Foxes or any part of Catalpa Lands, I consent only because I think it will promote the general interest of the Estate taken as one whole, The Catalpa Lands have been greatly injured in its timbers, Foxes will help to restore that waste, If Catalpa is either kept or sold it would be increasing its value to retain Foxes, it squares out better and would divide better - why so anxious to get it off, I can see no reason unless you can't pay for it any other way - and that can't be difficult if a final decree is made so that the locked up funds can be obtained - can you devise no means to anticipate, as much as will pay Fox. - I beg you will be ready to come down early in the Court - I shant be able to move, unless I know certainly the means at my Command, The promise to Hartsborough can hardly be realized, unless he is down with Suffice

-ent securely to satisfy the Court - I have no right  
to dispose of any of the funds of the estate unless by  
consent of the Court - nor shall I negotiate with any  
person on that subject ~~with any person~~

I must write to Mr. Green to press Man-  
zy to make out his report - of Normans debt, at  
least, Gibson has not I believe filed any account  
in Court so you will have to get on with him as  
you can - I have sent you the copy of Gibsons first  
account - this a/c is not returned to Court by him

Will Mr. Green & I myself - settle Martin Slay-  
ters a/c and have that ready - and Roberts ought  
to be more before the Court, than he is, so that all  
matters may be in a train - for final liquidate  
on - I do not like his debt to stand on a basis  
so uncertain -

I wish you would be more particular  
in describing to me the work Tack & his company  
have performed, how many yds of ditching is done, how  
much of day is cleared out - whether they have re-  
moved to Corbiers house, and every other matter you  
think material - has the fish yet arrived, I fear the  
people will suffer for the want of them, If Billy Allen  
at your request would just ask some Waggoner he wd

be glad to bring them for the money - I shall write  
you again in a few days - in the mean time do urge  
on your undaunted ~~com~~<sup>man</sup> with all matters before him, If  
he wants any documentary testimony from Richm and  
let me know & it shall be sent, he surely can see in the  
Clerk's office any records there - I am wasting  
much time, and any perplexity will lead to very  
injurious consequences - if we cooperate for general  
good all will be well - I have given you my  
views about Foxes place, for the interest of your child  
it ought never to be separated from Watts place

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Wm'sburg - he promises to  
write me from there, but I  
have recd no letter

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In haste your sincere friend

Mr. Barber

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