

Am Arbor May 8th 1837 Dear Brother

In compliance with your request in your Letter of the 22nd Feb I send you A power of Attorney which to use at your discretion if you can make it quit cost well if not I do not wish to be at any I remember well my reserve of share in the estate or property of Grandmother and also it being the proposal of John Sawyer but with regard to the sale of Personal property to Sawyer to the amount of \$88 Dollars I had entirely lost all memory of it but I remember well that Father was not pleased with the terms or Amount of the Agreement between Sawyer and myself and yet how passing strange that he should sign an instrument bearing so much harder on himself according to the claim of Sawyer as represented by you in your statement of his claim in Court but from All I know of the right of Father to make such an Agreement and from the Tenor of the same ^{and} from the copy of, given by you I judge it not worth a copper first because as Guardian or natural guardian he could not sell the right of minor Children in real estate without an order from orphans Court which order he to my knowledge he never had nor is any such authority quoted in copy as given by you if Graydon could sell the right of his son in real estate you would or any man would say he is heir to it at once because it is at his command second It authorizes I Sawyer as his Attorney to demand receive and recover in Fathers name all sums in the Personal estate of ~~Father~~ all sums coming to Father now this is as you say perfect nonsense Father was not at that time an heir to Sawyer dec'd nor could not be unless by the death of ~~All~~ the children of our mother and that Sawyer could recover in the way of his claim as stated by you is contrary to all rules of equity and of justice it being no better than A gambling transaction in which no value was received by Father but like his heaving John Sawyer to pay half the claim of his children to proper in ^{the} Sawyers Possession

Robert Geddes
To William Geddes

May 9th 1837. I received a newspaper from you since I wrote to you. It was charged twenty five cents. Our Post master gave it as his opinion that it was marked .25 where it was mailed. Is it at all unlikely that the wrapper was taken off it and what was in it read and then put on again and then the charge of twenty five cents marked on it and a kind of way bill sent along with it. The paper before the last one was similarly marked. I hope you will send no more papers with writing on them. The money pressure is felt in this country to some degree. we are all well

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