

Campbells town June 19<sup>th</sup> 1835

Dear Brother I received yours of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May on the 9<sup>th</sup> inst. and am very thankful for your mercy towards <sup>me</sup> in not scolding me about Agrippa but much rather you would have exercised your patience a little towards him: more than you have done which I think might have produced a different result, and been a good deal more creditable to you and him. I am now sorry that I did send him but still am not willing to take any hard feelings which are created by it; because what I done was intended for his benefit and it appeared the best chance that offered; as you a brother were bound by natural affection to do more for him than a stranger. And if he from negligence or inability has failed to improve the opportunity who but himself is mainly chargeable with it: or the hard feelings created which were not very great for his mother and brothers were themselves unable to do any thing with him and were glad to get him away to try for himself amongst those to whom his stubborn disposition would have to bend. I was the only one that could manage him and if had had employment for him he never would have been sent to you, which you know I had not and so I sent him, hoping it would be for the better, but still fearing the present result from the hot & irritable temper of yourself which never was controllable but always burst out when things did not go as they should: which brought you many an enemy in your native country as you might well recollect, which was all produced by the constitutional temperament of your frame not from any malvolence in your heart or unreasonableness of mind - with a want of being able to bear human frailty and error as a fallible creature should: in order to make himself ~~happy~~ and those around happy. I spoke in my last and now in this, freely; as a brother; and surely cannot but say as a loving one; for we always love other and God forbid that I not shall ever love you or any other of my fathers children. It was my love that made me write as I did because I felt that you had done wrong and that to who - to father son and who had a better right to reprove you than your brother, because you had sunk the dignity of the name and more especially disgraced yourself which not only hurts yourself but is a great ~~disgrace~~ <sup>disgrace</sup> to call me Friend is not enough for brothers. I have written 30 lines 20 too much on this subject and can scarce forbear for I have but so lately as yesterday, contended with unjust unreasonable uncharitable and unforgiving brothers and received your letter at John Wolfesburger<sup>s</sup> the evening we made a <sup>final</sup> settlement amongst them of an estate of 129 years standing and that in the midst of them and had you not forbore I would have received an unbrotherly letter in the midst of unfeeling brothers. The estate of John Carper was that day finally settled. A settlement which all concerned feared and yet nearly all wished and notwithstanding my best exertions were used it was with great difficulty that I accomplished it. Mrs. M. Foster was our attorney. He counseled Mr Carper to not come and settle but to go after him for a settlement, but my counsel prevailed as it should, for I had always been true to him which he knew his attorneys never had, at least only when it suited them. He came and when he called on his attorney got a lesson for his folly as was pleased to call it.







Frederick for his \$52 never dreaming that he would ever be base enough to ask it the second time which he has now done for he would not agree to settle without these rents with interest since 1816 were paid - interest calculated from April 1<sup>st</sup> 1816 to Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> 1833 when the last money coming to the estate was received. And it was raised by Old Samuel, John Wolfusberger & Pittering, Frederick Ruper himself and Samuel Casper Jr. each allowing one fifth. And as Frederick had a power of attorney from his brother John who he said was not agreed to the former compromise when the lawsuit with Black<sup>30</sup> Administrators was settled and \$500 was thrown off nor to the Lawyer's fee \$80.17. They must raise him \$200 to satisfy him and it was also raised by John Wolfusberger Samuel Casper Jr. and old Sam. There Sir was brotherly love for you. Frederick who was the cause of all this was continually putting in something about Religion. He it appears has a church built on his land and pretends to be quite a goodly man. John Wolfusberger was overpaid \$11 and Frederick \$200 and owed \$400 to Mary Pittering's heirs Adam Pittering having received all the rest in her life time. Samuel Ruper had to receive \$2273 and there was coming to Philip who died \$877. But when they were done settling John's <sup>Wolfusberger's</sup> ~~will~~ increased to \$1000 and Samuel was reduced \$207.81 I made a present of \$20 to old Samuel which was all I done. I plainly told them I other owed them nothing and as they were all Relations they might settle as they could. When a man knows he has done or is right he ought to stand to it through; be the consequences what they may. But I could hardly see that old man cheated out of their rents and being mad about being kept on Monday from our Anti-Meeting at Lebanon I after dinner carried off my papers viz on Monday and told Old Sam. that he must now go home and not submit to such an imposition that he could leave the money with me and I would settle with those that were willing and reasonable and let Frederick go to hell and see and be d-d. This crazy fit of mine had a good effect for they sent after me and brought me back when I again sat down to calculate how near they were meeting when we brought it to what is mentioned above. Such a set of men you never saw and I hope neither of us shall have to do with again. There was a very large meeting of Antis that day: they came in Wagon loads with colors flying. We will give Pitter \$1000 of a majority in Lebanon County and I think there not the least doubt of his election the other party being split on Wolf and Mulenberg. From all appearances he will <sup>have</sup> more than them both. I have heard nothing of our relations since my last. Am started yesterday to Newville and Fannetsburg and intend staying 3 or 4 weeks Agrippa has not arrived yet. Thomas is in a store in Philadelphia but its not likely he will stay long. He dont receive wages to keep him he asked a loan of \$50 off me the other day and I sent it him. I suppose you will say that I was wrong and perhaps it is but I could not refuse him since he has wrote me another with an idea in it that he may list in the united states Aragoons who are now recruiting here and in Philadelphia



There appears to be too much Bell in that boy to ever do any good if he lists it will  
 be farewell Industry and Prosperity. He would like to have his money too if  
 I could sell: and he would go west and set up Store: if he had it and  
 would do so he would soon be done with <sup>it</sup> for he has no idea how to deal  
 with your Yankees: or Ohio Runaway Sharpers. It appears likely he will  
 get his money too soon. James started yesterday 4 weeks and has not sent  
 a letter yet I will send you word of him and Sawyer as soon as hear  
 from them. Sawyer has also an idea of setting up Store. <sup>Alam</sup> 578  
 Rye 45¢ Wheat 1.10 Rye 80 Corn 60 Oats 40 it all might  
 as well be double for there is none to be had, I sold as I always  
 have done as <sup>soon as</sup> I could get 1.00 for Wheat. Rye 60 Corn 52 Oats 28.30  
 I enquired about Hanna Moores Works and there was none in Harrisburg  
 but they thought 2.25 was the price. I see in the papers that the  
 Harper's have just published a new and complete edition of her works  
 I have some notion of going next week to Philadelphia to persuade  
 Thomas from listing and perhaps may go to New York where I would  
 have bought you a set if you had ordered one. All Well  
 John Geddes

Wm. H. Hurdell  
 William Geddes  
 of Thomas' listing thing in any of your letters  
 to any person for a woman should be in it would not do

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