

Cloud's Spring April 29th 1848

Dear Robert

I rec. yours dated Marshall of April 14th & I was glad to hear you had arrived safe at home. Eliza wrote you a long letter to Louisville agreeably to your request, but I expect it must have been sent on to the Genl. Post office or perhaps you did not enquire at the office.

I am very sorry to hear that your uncle Addison should throw any difficulty in the way concerning your uncle Doctor's estate, and more so about your uncle Fleming's for I suppose he can have no interest in the latter whatever, He must be devoid of moral honesty or he would not act so, Tho I am in hopes if you have to resort to the law, you may have justice done you, your brothers & sisters also. I know ^{he} has a large family, connection on his wife's side of the house & your being situated so far from him, will operate against you. I rec. a letter last week from Colo. Archer dated at Shawmestown, said he was in good health and had gotten a long with his boats very well, he said Ray was worth thirty dollars & Tom in Orleans, he says he is going down in quick time the water in the Ohio being in good stage, He says Harlan will run for Judge & he thinks Manly or Tate for senator. If Suge should be elected of ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~county~~, it will be something in your pocket

Greenough wrote me a long letter about the store house "saying his time would be out in August and he wanted to know if he could get it another year, if not what would I take for the lot West of the store, saying he did not wish to enquire in to my affairs, but Quamour said I was coming out with a stock of goods and was going to occupy the store myself. If I was he wanted to know by the 1st April as he might build

I wrote him, I had called at the store to see him and to inform him he could not have the store longer than to the 1st of Apr 1848 and he was not in and I told my man to tell him so & as you were absent I could not tell him any thing concerning it until your return. If he will give three hundred dollars Cash for the lot west he can have it, but for not a cent less.

I wrote him the time had not arrived to sell these lots and as property was looking up. I did not want to sell at the present time, if you should rent the store house again to G. do so in black and white and bind him up close and have an eye to ^{his} neglect of the lots & fence, for certainly he does not take any care of the property, and I think he is very negligent of his contract or forgetful.

If Giles Shaw should want those two lots west of Charly sell them to him, and let it be credited on the note that I gave old man Shaw.

I rec^d a letter this winter from Doct Tuttle saying he wanted to swap his land up north of Marshall for some I purchased of Col: lying a long side his land South & let him have some twenty acres out of the meadow piece, next to old man Martins, saying he wanted it for to build on for a family residence, so if I had sold him 200: he by this time would have had it laid off in town lots or family residences. I was informed he wanted to purchase it in part for some one in York, I do not know who, but I did suppose J.B.R. I wrote him I could not sell or swap that land but I would let him have that four acre lot ^{to build on} near his land for \$300. the one I got of Manly, but he has never written me since (he must suppose I am gone) It will be impossible for Oly and I both to come out this summer, but I now think I shall be out this S. or fall. I want to sell some of the Lockport property whenever there is a chance to do so & I expect this fall

will be a very good time. Jane Duncan has a fine
boy, Margaret Duncan a daughter all prospering and
doing well Your Aunt Betty can't stand it much
longer has a very bad cold & cough. Mr Duncan's family
are well Amanda Marshall is keeping school
near Col. Marshall's, Frank Carson is building
a boat at the Locks & Dams and going to take a
stock of goods in partnership with Hines & Carson
at the Mills & trade up Green River. Don talks
of going on the boat with him, he will have to
Cordell his boat up & stop a long the river & by
and sell. I am fearful he will not do a big
business. Inform old uncle Sam McBlair that
his wife's relations are all well and the Shakers
have commenced worship again & they jump higher
& quicker than ever, and on Monday the 1st day
May they are going to worship out in a grove
next to Grist's, they have cleared off ten acres
of land so they can have a fair sweep. I intend
to go and see them out capers.

I saw Col. Rayland on last Monday, said he saw
your Father since eight weeks since, he is nearly
well of his Rheumatism. I rec'd a letter from Mary
Browning last week all well, she was enquiring where
you were, write to her.

The Merchants in Bowling Green are bringing in
very heavy stocks of goods & selling them very low
too much so for the farmers, for when goods are low
they buy exorbitantly.

I am sorry to see that you let a little Silver
Smith cut you out, but it will be so and no help
for it, for Silver makes the snare go.

I left the note on Craig & the one on Doshur & Reyn-
olds with J. P. Richardson and requested him to hand
them to you when you arrived.

We are all well, as usual, my health is about as usual

tho, my appetite is not very good.

Elijah and the children send their love to you and
all friends, write often for I have only rec. two
letters from Marshall since you left

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Your namesake Robt. Hinton is a bouncing boy & is cock
of the walk. Your uncle Hiram is doing as he has been
for the last 15 years or more so.