

Clinton Feb 27th 1832

Dear Sir

On receiving your letter of the 6th inst I applied to Mr Powell without delay to ascertain from him whether he would accept of a deed from you with a covenant of warranty either with or without the assurances given on your part that a quit claim from Mrs Robinson should be forwarded free of expense to him as soon as circumstances would permit. He at once refused to do either; said he had had \$750 lying idle by him; and did not think that he ought to loan the use of it, nor to incur the risk and expense of transmitting the money to you. He added that he had been in poor health for a long time had met with some losses and had not prospered as usual the last season and he thought he should give up the place as he apprehended if he completed the purchase it would distress him and his family and perhaps break him down. His associates were very desirous of having him go on; Mr Drelm in particular urged him to do it, and at a subsequent conversation the same day he told me their wishes; said he would think of it a few days and that I had better not answer you until he gave me an answer and told him I thought I should not. He has not yet been ready to give me an answer; but I have just learned he has written you on the subject, and is probably waiting your reply. But as you may possibly wish to hear from me and before answering his letter I ~~considered~~ thought best to let you know the situation of the business. The bargain in relation to the place was made exactly according to the terms stated in your letter; \$2500 for the same \$1000 payable on receiving a deed and the remainder payable by instalments with interest on the whole sum secured by bond & mortgage. And as nothing was then paid and nothing ready to be paid interest on the whole was to commence on the 1st day of May last. You had written nothing in regard to the place of payment. I told him therefore that he must bear the expense and risk of remitting the money to you unless you should consent to receive it here; and that if he was disposed to take the place on these terms he might enter into possession immediately, and might have you part of a crop of about 5 or 6 acres of wheat on the side hill before the orchard which had been sown on shares the fall before. He said he would

take it; and accordingly he and his associates took possession and went to work on the place that day or the next. Mr Meddison has ^{within a few} ~~some~~ days informed me Powel told him he did not intend to transmit the money to you and did not think you would require it. Sometime after he took possession he enquired of me what should be done if by any unforeseen occurrence you should be prevented from giving a deed; I replied you must pay a fair rent for the use of the farm; that says he I will do. Nothing has ever been paid me; and as I have already said nothing was ready to be paid at the time possession was taken. I asked both Mr Powel and Mr Meddison informed me they should have to borrow the money for the first payment; and Mr Meddison has within a few days informed me that he did engage his share of the money ~~but it was not soon after~~ but as it was not then wanted the money was ~~and still is~~ ^{and still is} ~~immediately~~ loaned out to another and is to be repaid by him as soon as Mr Meddison wants it. From Mr Powel I have never understood that he had any money by him to meet the demand or any part of it tho he once told me he could get it when it should be required. The principal part if not all of the sum which he now has on hand was raised since the ~~deed~~ receipt of your last letter but one to me; as he then expected a deed would arrive soon; at least I am so informed by Mr Meddison. With Mr Parrule I have had no communication in regard to it but one; and know not whether he has or has not had money lying by him for this purpose tho I am now informed he has and is ready to comply with his part of the arrangement as is also Mr Meddison; and that they will bear the expense of remitting their proportion of the money if you insist upon it, tho they would be glad to have you ~~consider~~ ^{favor} them by consenting to receive it here. I do not have any doubt but that they all would be glad to have you remit ~~the~~ the whole, and if not the whole, at least a part of the interest. — And I have been thus particular in stating all the facts that have come to my knowledge in regard to the case to enable you the better to judge ~~and~~. With respect to Mr Powel's "breaking down" or being in any way embarrassed by completing the case provided he completes the contract, there is no danger of that. The security offered will be good and I have no doubt the installments will be promptly met as they fall due.

I intended to have given you a statement of the income of the farm before this. I have settlements of some importance to make with two individuals before I can do it, and their absence or mine has occasioned delays beyond all calculation. I will do it as soon as I can; and would observe that I have incurred no expenses for fencing, that would go to enhance the value of the farm materially except about 750 cedar rails and building

a post and board fence from the Creek to the Maples along the road. and the
expense of this is a part of the unsettled accounts.

I think I shall be able to make you another installment of
\$250 or \$300 soon.

Respectfully

Profesa E. Robinson

Yours &c
O. Williams



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