Pine Hills

Nov. 21. 1850

My Dear Brother

With all the industry I could use such I found to be the deranged state of my business it was impossible for me to place it in even a tolerable condition in the short time allowed me - I very much wished to visit you again before I set out for Washington but time would not permit it. I shall god willing return home early in march when I hope to meet you in improved health and spirits. The few rebels in this section are just beginning to find that they are destined to be in a miserable minority in the State, and most of them now most magnanimously consent not to break up the Government instantaneously but to wait for the action of the next session of Congress - The object of many here in denouncing as base submissionists all those who

approved of any of the Territorial measures of the last Session was not because in their secret heart they condemned them all, but to effect ingeniously my standing those for which I voted must be condemned in unmeasured terms - I addressed the people at Cahawba last week and I think I succeeded in opening the eyes of many worthy men who had been misled by bold assertion and exagerated statements in which these self constituted defenders of Southern rights have so constantly indulged But much as I disapprove of the course these men have taken, I may find myself before many months standing with them shoulder to shoulder in defence of our constitutional rights, if indeed they are found to be as brave when the evil day actually arrives as they now profess to be when they know it is distant, and may never come at all - The preservation of the Union is in the hands of the North. They have already filled the cup of forbearance, another drop will cause it to overflow, and this great, free and prosperous Government of-

ours will be swept away by the flood, leaving nothing but wrecks behind - God grant that we may be saved from such a melancholy fate - I enclose you the letter which I wrote in 1848 detailing as far as practicable the true state of our Fathers Estate, by which you will see the amount due with interest at the rate of 8 per cent - It has been on interest for 32 years after deducting two years allowed for settling the Estate - $730 the principal with 32 years interest amounts to two thousand five hundred ninety eight dollars and $\frac{80}{100}$ - to be divided between Hellen, Ann, John & Cate Ellis - the proportion of each is $674 $\frac{70}{100}$ Pay Hellen and Ann and I will settle the balance - Take receipts in full - Hellen says she is perfectly satisfied with the settlement and that it gives her the full amount to which she is entitled - Thus is closed a matter which has I know been to you a source of uneasiness and will I trust restore kindly relations between every member of our family - My health is good - Give my love to all the family.

God bless & preserve you
My Dear Brother
William R. King

Genl. Thos. D. King

Wm R. King to S. D. King

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