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Hilghamity 2<sup>d</sup> <sup>th</sup> March 1830

Dear Sir

I received yours of the 26<sup>th</sup> December  
and would have wrote you before now, but  
waited till we got the opinion from London  
By which you will see you coming here  
would not have been <sup>more</sup> in favor of you  
then any of your Children, and even if  
you were to be for a short time, had been  
of any advantage, I am well aware of the  
unsubmountable difficulty, to have accom-  
plished it. And you will see by the  
opinion my dead that has hitherto been  
proposed to be made, would not have been  
effectual to Aliens, I assure you ever  
since our correspondence commenced,  
I have ~~felt~~ felt, as if I was personally  
acquainted with you, and all the con-  
nections, and will ever feel an interest  
in all that concerns them. Ever since  
W Martin's death, my most anxious wish  
has been that some of his relations might

inherit this property, and be settled here,  
and the prospect of your family, gave me  
pleasure, ever since I heard of them, and  
have done every thing in my power to ac-  
complish it. John proposes leaving  
this in a few days, and only told me  
lately, he was averse to become a British  
Subject, which is a great disappointment  
to me, and which I never doubted  
with the arrangements proposed, that this  
property should be Entailed on him  
and his family. And I wrote him, which  
letter he received before he left Philad-  
elphia that unless he became a British  
Subject he could expect ~~he could~~  
~~expect~~ nothing here, and thought  
that had been always understood,  
both by him and his family. Tho' certainly  
I have never while here showed any  
tendency for a great deal of business, nor  
taste for Country affairs. I have every  
reason to be pleased with him in every

other respect, and part with him  
with great regret, and will ever feel  
interested in him, he has good abilities  
and naturally clever, he seems to have  
no doubt of succeeding as a Merchant  
and would have more pleasure in it  
and remain in his own Country, when  
that is the case what can I say.

I have expressed, my fears to him,  
that the American relations, being  
Aliens, that my intentions, to them may  
be defeated, in any way it can be  
managed and I do not think I could  
make up my mind to sell it during  
my life, and cannot now have the  
same inducement, in what I took  
pleasure in, the improvement of it

and I am sure it cannot be  
managed to advantage without a great  
deal of trouble this bad times  
he tells me you have sent him a draft  
for fifty pounds sterling which

I will repay, and give him what  
more he will require as he intends  
going to the Continent on his way  
home, I hope his time has not been  
altogether lost in coming here, he  
has been always among the best  
principled people, and it is an ad-  
vantage to young men to know some  
thing of other Country, and leave their  
own for a little, I hope he will prosper by it,  
and be successful in all his undertakings,  
the more cautious he begins the better, and it is not  
a good time to commence any kind of enterprise  
I have said so much to him about this,  
and avoiding every unnecessary expence,  
and commencing with the greatest care  
and attention, or his sanguine hopes  
may be deflated, tho I think more  
highly of him from our longer  
acquaintance, that I wish him to do  
well & be a comfort & assistance to the rest  
of his family