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Johnston Armstrong Esq -

Dear Sir.

I received your letter from

Louisville, on yesterday - In answer, I wrote you two or three letters, which seem not to have arrived. I advised you of a supposed defect in the title to our Cincinnati purchase - and that I had written to Messrs Brook Esq. to have the title examined & give you the chair of the title & his opinion. This I have done to make sure that we get a good title to what I conceive good property. I have this day written to Mr Brook & Mr Lewis to examine, and make up an opinion jointly, & if the title be not perfect & indisputable to notify Mr Longworth instantly that we relinquish the contract - if it be good - that you had the necessary papers, and would confirm it.

I have now to say, that if the title prove satisfactory, as my affairs now stand, I would be willing to relinquish my interest in the property to you, or if you prefer it, to be devised it, to Mr Shropshire, as I heard you say you would take it all, if I did not wish it. If you choose, therefore, the purchase may be yours entirely, and arranged accordingly - If you prefer not, let the

deed be made to you jointly, and the property be at your disposal, as I am so far away, as it regards, leasing it, and making a wharf — The earliest decision in-formation is very necessary to me — I hope you will send it —

As it regards my tour to Europe — this is one of the causes of my being willing to relinquish my interest in the Cincinnati purchase. But I shall not be able to go before next Spring — i. e. a year hence, owing to the condition of my family — the Cholera in Europe, & the arrangements of the Wesleyan University.

If Providence then permit me to go, I shall be pleased to have James accompany me. I shall not take a clasp in this case, but he shall accompany me as a friend, to whom I will try to procure a fund. The expense to him will be simply his own expensz. of travel &c. I shall have no charge against him —

As ever
J. P. Durbin.

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