

being upon the ground, is not, nor cannot be an obstacle to the division, as it is my wish and intention (if found agreeable) that each heir shall come into possession of his or her portion of the land, with the crop upon it, and that they shall be entitled to such portion of said Crop, as I should have been; Had it been harvested before the Division, they remunerating me for the incidental expenses, as I should hold myself accountable to them, for the surplus beyond the expenses, if the Crops come off before the Division.

This arrangement appears to me, so much preferable to allowing the property to lie unimproved and deteriorating, that I confidently anticipate your concurrence in what shall be done for the furtherance of this object. Expressing myself perfectly willing to consult and confer with Mr. Hubbard or Mr. Williams, as it regards your interest, if you should think proper to authorize them, or either of them, to superintend that interest, under the arrangements which shall have been made.

I remain respectfully

your alt^h humble Serv^t

Wm. Stephen Smith

Hamilton 20th January 1817.

To

Mrs. Sarah Adams

Mrs. C. Shaw

Miss Anne Smith