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To the Heirs of Justice B. Smith Esquire, Deceased,
late of the town of Lebanon, County of Madison, State
of New York

By a concurrence of events, which we, one and all, as a family, must regret, and by which you have been deprived of affectionate friends and brothers, and myself of an affectionate and highly respected father: it has become my duty, arising from the circumstance of my being a resident upon and in occupation of a certain portion of landed property, which is about to be equally divided among the heirs of my Uncle Justice, myself being entitled with each of you, to an undivided portion of said Estate; to inform you of the arrangements, which, under my direction will have been made for the cultivation and improvement of so much of said property, as is capable of being made productive of some advantage to us all, before it shall be finally divided. I must observe, that, in making this arrangement, my personal or individual advantage has not been consulted, to the exclusion of that of any one of the heirs in particular: that I have taken upon myself the responsibility incident to (as it regards the expenses) all arrangements of a similar nature: And that in the event of a Division of the Estate among the several heirs, previous to the time at which crops of Grain are generally secured, the circumstance of such crops being

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