

Achland 2<sup>d</sup> July 1845

My dear Son

I believe I mentioned to you that I had engaged Mr. Wilde and promised to interest him in the case of Bluebirds here. The objection to the jurisdiction has been argued by him and Mr. Schmedt in the Supreme Ct. of Louisiana, and I have two letters from Mr. Wilde in regard to it. In his last he mentions that the Supreme Court had decided the question in our favor.

It will be now necessary to make preparations for the trial on the merits, and I wish you would accordingly write to Judge Bishop at Vincennes. It will be necessary to prove the heirship, and the locality of the ground.

Both Mr. Wilde and Mr. Schmedt think it important that we should acquire the right of St. Maxent's here, and the latter thinks it could be got for 3 or four thousand dollars. But the heirs being poor I do not know how that sum is to be raised.