

Lexington March 7 1868

My dear Mother

I understand that the Chairman
of the several County Committees will constitute
the Judicial District Committee. It is therefore
of very great importance to me that these chair-
men should be friends of mine. Can you not
get the Chairman of Woodford County Committee
some one, who will go pro. very late Convention?
If possible, I would like Dick Messitt be retained
as Chairman of Jefferson County. Ask Council
I have some one in Scott Co. Chairman, who
will join me until late in May. The Central
Committee have acted about our County Committee
in such a way as to make me hesitate about asking
anything at their hands directly. I shall make no
more speeches just yet - but will make a vigorous effort.
I will be in Frankfort on Tuesday to meet you &
Dr. Add Thompson about Dick Allen. You must
be there

Your Friend
Wm. Beckwith

Peru, Dec 7: 1876

Dear Hart

Prof Deane says that the sen-
tence I have written practically
gives you and your children a
life estate in the gift to you wife
& children: ~~but~~ this he is
willing to concede. I intend
& I propose as a compromise
to insert substantially as you
have written down to 3rd line
on 2nd page & then - "during the
life of Mary D. Gibson nor shall
Hartland be sold without and
said bein enforced without the
consent of Hart Gibson in
the event that he survives
his wife, until the said Mar-
ty has given her twelve months
previous notice of his purpose
so to do".

I write at once & in haste.
Think over it & I advise your
acceptance of it.

Your cousin
J. P. Westman