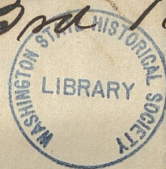


Frankfort August 3<sup>rd</sup> 1849



Dear Sir,

I am disinclined to embrace the proposition contained in your last letter. Two days before the death of Robert S. Todd, I received a message from him; that he had heard from Mr. Juneary, who recollected distinctly the contents of the will, as set forth in the copy, of which Mr. Neely spoke. Cholera prevails so fatally and extensively in the vicinity of Lexington, that it would be imprudent, to attempt to take depositions there; and in consequence the testimony can not be completed in all probability until next winter. So soon as it may be convenient and suitable to proceed in the full preparation of the suit, I will apprise you: and we will bring it to a close.

Sincerely your friend  
John M. Hewitt



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