

Letter addressed to: Hon. William W. Parrott, Gloucester, Mass

Portsmouth 2 July 1827

Dear Uncle

I arrived here a week ago and had the happiness of finding all friends well - My voyage has been pleasant and for the times not bad. I find the affair of the farm &c in quite as unsettled & uncertain a state as when I left home - Uncle E. refuses doing any thing unless the whole Estate in Greenland & Portsmouth are settled at the same time --- It appears to me to be a most desirable object to Effect an adjustment of the business as soon as possible for as it stands now it is a source of disquiet and distress to all concerned - As I informed you at the time Uncle E. agreed to let us have his part of the farm at \$32 1/2 per acre with a consideration [?] % [?] of the stock &c. - It was an unequivocal bargain and as I supposed made in good faith - soon after there was a quarrel with him and his wife of a personal nature in no wise touching our bargain or the farm, but he chose that moment to recede from the aforesaid bargain - for which I can only account by the supposition that he is not a free agent that a certain guardian (any thing but angel) thought it a bad bargain or a bargain without her gracious assent - and so blew it all sky-high so it stands now --- I think your presence would go far to make an equitable arrangement

I have offered him cash for his part the farm at a fair rate with all the furniture, beds blankets - &c. but no nothing can be done unless all is done at once. You may think it worth your while to come on [?] - with best love to aunt and all my dear cousins I remain Dear Uncle your afct nephew F. Toscan

If it should not be convenient for you to come on I should suppose that Every thing might be done by an agent understanding your views of the subject - Bonapartes absence I conceive can be no impediment to the adjustment - as he left a power of attorney with uncle Jno which [En...?] the business and I am fully acquainted with his views - we are [both?] and with reason [rather?] attached to that particular spot but not in a {hole} pecuniary sense I think you must {hole}

Were it no more than a speculation for interest I should have wished the farm and myself as far assunder as the earth could separate us long ago. ---

I must apologize for this hasty scrawl as the mail is just about closing for today.