

I must long since have seen Myself & Family in real want, nor have you been sparing in Action only not to hurt my Character & feelings but also in words, and I have often declared Publicly and will whilst I live, that in all my Transactions with M^r Todd & you formerly, nor your House laterly, did I Ever receive a harsh nor Unfriend[l]y line from you, even when I owed you such large Sums, as you knew never could be discharged; Indeed had you wrote me in the Stile, Other Houses have to their Debtors, I have every reason in the world to believe, from what I know of my too tender feelings, that I would many years Ago have been out of the reach of Corrisponding with any one this side of the Grave. This is verry weak I know, but man did not make himself. I have courage & Philosophy in many cases, but the loss of old Fri[en]ds or their Fri[en]dship Overcomes me. Well must M^r Todd & you have known my Natural disposition, to have treated me with the tenderness you have done; I hope & believe you will have your reward in a better world. I fear in a long Letter I wrote you some time Ago, that I bore to hard on your Friendship in Urging you to take 20 Lots and discharge me from the Debt due your present House. I now think I was doing rong considering the Apparent heavy loss you may sustain. In Excuse I have only to say, that I did not know of any means of giving you more, or I would not have done it. Whatever you wish I will do, give mortgages or Otherwise as you like. Where [were] I sure you would live After me, I would feel no Uneasiness respecting your final settlement with my Family, but my Dear sir of whom can I Expect were you gone, or both of us, that feelings for my Family which I know you Possess.

Since the receipt of your Letter I have not seen the Mess^{rs} M^cGregors, but will not fail bringing on a conversation when I do, to make them Acquainted with what you wish them to know, and what gives me much pleasure to hear Viz^t That you are no Partner in the House of Mess^{rs} Rob^t Dickson & C^o. Were the Intentions of these other Creditors as liberal as yours, I should still hope that the loss to each would not be very heavy, but when there are many, this can hardly be expected; therefore you will do well to prepare for the worst, & take precautions accordingly. M^r Brush purposes