person, but he prefers your approbation. It is of little importance to it in amount to whom it is sold, but it would be more gratifying to them and him, that it should be retained in the family.

Mr. Channing observes, that a few years previous to your mothers making her will, she [illegible] instrument in which she requested that one thousand dollars should be given to your Sister Sarah, and to your brother William, to be paid to Sarah at the time of her marriage, and if [illegible] was not married, then both to be paid at your mo[illegible] or [illegible] decease, stating, that sum was to be paid to them, to ma[illegible] them equal to what had been advanced to the other children, and that as there are doubts whether the payment can be legally enforced, he wishes the assent of the other children for him to pay it. I did not feel justified in assenting without first consulting you. Please to advise me. You are better acquainted with the circumstances, and can judge, if it would be inequitable to with-hold your assent — They prefer the lease shall be signed by you personally as your power to me is acknowledged before a Notary, which is not legal in Rhode island. When it is ready I will send it for your-

[illegible]nature. I wish you would state your views [illegible] your brother William, and request him to write [illegible] your Uncle, or me on the second subject —

Your friend & kind &c.

John Heard Jr.