my personal misfortunes, but I am willing to pledge my personal promise, in which my Sons will join me, that the Books, shall be pursued, with the same care, that they have been, and such as prudent & honest factors & agents, take, in respect to the property of others, entrusted to their management & such as Banks, usually take, in respect to the Property of [illegible]

I ought to add, that I consider the Cases in which the Books & manuscripts are placed as Pictures, which cannot be removed, or separated, from what are unquestionably private Papers, without great danger of rupture & damage and without depriving one of the means of prosecuting my labours, while my health & reason, are continued. The Copying Pump is in good order and I have now not little occasion to use it, except that the drawers & Shelves, are daily wanted, to deposit Letters & sheets, in my limited Correspondence. I submit the question whether it ought to be taken, to any fair arbitrament.