my personal misfortunes, but I am willing to pledge my personal promise, ~~the~~ in which my Sons will join me, that the Books, shall be ~~[illegible]~~ proposed, with the same care, that they have hitherto 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 their Stockholders.

I ought to add, that I consider the Cases in which the Books & manuscripts are placed as Fixtures, which cannot be removed, or separated, from what are unquestionably private Papers, without great danger of rupture & damage and without depriving me of the means of prosecuting ~~[illegible]~~ my labours, while my health & reason, are continued.

The ~~[illegible]~~ Copying Press is in good order and ~~but~~ I have now but little occasion to use it, except that the draw & Shelves, are daily wanted, to deposit Letters & drafts, in my limited Correspondence. I submit the question whether it ought to be taken, to any fair arbitrament.