great ease and satisfactorily. Mr Bradish has acceded to the terms of settlement proposed, and has given to Mr Francis a discharge to be delivered upon the compliance with those terms. And it will be necessary for you and your brother with your sisters to approve and give him a discharge from any claims there may be against them. I am not informed what the particulars are, but presume that you and the family are acquainted with them.

I have made many inquiries for you respecting an overseer or farmer, and have not been successful upon the terms you offer. Wages are high here for the first rate men, who are intelligent and capable of conducting and managing a farm themselves. Mr Stone, who was formerly my overseer, and in whose judgment I have great confidence, mentioned to me a most excellent man, who had lived with him two years, and whom he could recommend highly. He is a single man but is about to be married to as good a woman as he is a man as Mr Stone says. The wages he now receives from his employer is $250 a year, and would not be unwilling to leave unless he could receive more. I have enquired what he would expect, and am informed that he proposes 350. But in order that he might be married and live independantly I think he might be induced to go for a little less. Mr Stone believes that he would save the difference in his wages between the sum he asks and what a common person could be obtained for. I will continue my enquiries for you, if the wages are beyond your calculations.

With great esteem

Yours sincerely

John Heard Jr