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Col. George Gibbs

Dr Sir

Gov. Gibbs has conversed with me respecting the stocks invested by the Exrs of your fathers will as security for certain annuities given in that will. It is very clear that Mr Channings Admr is bound to deliver up the certificates of that [illegible] Exr of Mr G's will. But Mr C. himself having been one of the Exrs had a right to the possession of the certifs while he lived & if his Admr now withholds them it is a personal wrong in him for which he is himself personally liable in an action of trover & case. The estate of Mr C. is not liable for the misconduct of the Admr but the Admrs & his bondsmen. No suit can be brought here except Mr Bowditch cd be here found or his own property. He must be sued in Boston if it should be necessary. But I can hardly conceive that it should be. probably the delay has arisen from the timid hesitating, apprehensive characters of Mr B. & his adviser Mr Prescott.

With great respect & regard
Yr friend & servt
B. Hazard