

Raleigh N.C. 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1833

Dear Doctr,

at the present term of Wake County Court a writ was returned executed upon myself, & securities to my guardian bond; Cyrus has at last waked up, to some action, he says he is extremely anxious to have it settled; & that Kimbrough Jones who is Signal's attorney upon the payment of three hundred dollars will dismiss the suit & wait until next Christmas, and that Kimbrough will even loan the three hundred dollars on security: I have ardently desired a settlement of this suit upon such terms as would be satisfactory to all; you know that I have once been finally sold out, that I have been struggling to pay my debts, that by industry & a niggardly economy I have made some advances in paying my debts; sell me out again & you ~~again~~ & you had as well cut my throat; I have made this proposition to Mr Hill, & I would make the same to Cyrus, but I can't see him, <sup>1833</sup> my property was jointly deeded to my securities, I presume all therefore would be jointly bound in any loss which may be sustained; whether he as one of my securities would pay one fifth of the debt due Signal & wait until such time as I could refurnish the money, or would he suffer me again sold out; he says if the debt can be put off until next winter, he would pay one fifth sooner than I should be sold out: to you & the rest of my securities I make the same proposition; ~~but the time to sell it is painful~~ may I will not be involved in law & disputes with friends; ~~may I will not~~; ~~but~~ sooner would I turn Nullifier, throw myself upon my reserved rights, sell out resign my Commission & before August be on my way to Texas; this is professed: it is only in <sup>some</sup> trouble times that men shew themselves; I have done every thing to save my securities, I surrendered my property, bonds & all I made no efforts to shuffle, & with my bonds had I been so disposed I could; don't understand me as censuring any one, but you know my negro property was miserably sacrificed, the land now unsold could have been sold for enough with the other assets to have paid the debt; & I think it hard to be bound & continue to be bound for all the blunders committed in settling the Trust: Had my advice been taken the estate would have been closed, the debts paid off & no

one injured: I think in our conversations that you once told me that I should  
be paid for a hundred dollars which I advanced for Tignat to pay for his horse  
instead of which it seems I am not <sup>only</sup> to lose that, but am to be placed in a situation  
where I am first bound for six or seven hundred more:

What I mean by men shewing themselves in this. Cyrus has awaked, he is now all  
action: he told Mr Hill this evening that he had already been out a hundred  
dollars in this matter; that he had paid Spies ~~Whitaker~~ 100 dollars for fixing  
& arranging the business, & but for Col Spies's exertions, he & Mr Hill would have  
left out of the deed in trust, & if it was denied the original <sup>could</sup> be produced now;  
I pronounced it a positive & palpable lie; & for the satisfaction of Mr Hill as  
well as to wipe this foul imputation from my Character; I call upon Col Spies  
to know if he ever received 100 from Cyrus for fixing & arranging this ~~matter~~  
business, & whether he ever saw or heard that it was my design to leave out Cyrus  
& Mr Hill, & I call upon you to state whether or not I did not state to you, either  
before or subsequently, that my design in getting you to stand my security  
to the Banks, was to enable me to lift the Judgments then hanging over me  
that Mr Hill & Cyrus might have a fair chance of saving themselves by  
bringing my property fairly & without incumbrance into market:  
Mind me I have no disposition to provoke hostilities with Cyrus, but I have a  
right to ask an answer to these questions to remove the foul charge from  
my Character.

in great distress & affliction of mind

Yours &c

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