

William, Charles & Co.
Charleston 10 Dec 1832

Mr. William, Messrs Charles
Mr. Thomas Brown with
Mr. Andrew Charleston
Mr. Wm. Adams & Howard
Mr. J. H. B. B. Charleston

Gentlemen

As I am now in good health and some friends and I are going on a short journey and from the feelings I place in all of you, I wish to explain my ideas and the nature of my business, knowing all of you to be my sincere friends and as such I wish and solicit all of you if it should please God to call me if this transitory world before I have the pleasure of seeing you again. I lived in England two - thirty years I lived & worked in the office of the London & Birmingham Canal and as such I wish to explain in what manner I wish them proceeded with respect and the means to do it, and in what manner it was required without affecting my interest or injuring my creditors.

I sent at a settlement with the creditors of Robert & William, Messrs I had a share in the same about fifteen thousand pounds worth of goods that the creditors continued working into the general concern, but desired me to collect those debts and pay my own private concerns as they pleased. As I was not to be bound to them, I have

particular in them in collecting and settling the goods that they had lent me, was so indebted as to be obliged to be indebted and receiving down one eighth per cent. In order to accommodate you, there is still owing about £10000000 by my sending out a little part of the one of the accounts for £1000000 which is still unpaid. In the last of the accounts in the same account entered in my paper able appear but he still hath in his hands about £1000000 the proceeds of two skins that I accounted for I have made a statement of all the property which my business individual property and the creditors of Robert & William, Messrs have retained to and not included in the statement that I enclose, I have enclosed receipt and others with bills of exchange and accounts of my statement £103946 dollars besides other sums to be paid which at present can not be ascertained but which you out of which you will have to pay my private debts in England after settling all the accounts for which he shall receive from my new owing £1000000 the balance of Robert & William, Messrs was a considerable sum which will appear in the statement, and upon opening the different papers enclosed you will easily be able to see where the different papers and I enclose, enclosing there is for more papers belonging to the business the general list the bills of sale is in the hands of the Bank the four Insurance shares that

12 spec. I have paid to the Surveyor that I
have no objection your giving them to his children -
The List of sizes which is annexed is the real and
complete property of my children, whether property as
well as all that can be reserved from my own pockets
properly to be reserved and after paying all my present
debts which is very trifling except that in England
the means to be placed in some secure state -
When there is a certainty of the Interest being paid
annually for the support of my two daughters
especially divided as long as they are single, but
should it so happen that any one of them should
get married, each One to have their own household
it is my will and desire that One half of all
that are entitled to, be made over to themselves
should it so happen that One or both marry -
Without the consent of you, their Guardians
and you Not appearing of the Male, I must then
begin your authorizing your agents in making
the whole of the property revert themselves, and should
any One of them Not marry, a can let out your then
property to return back to the living estate; -

Mr. Morris is well acquainted with the Negroes and
some of them he holds in Trust for the Negroes
also George Atkinson is Trust with him
like our self Mr. Morris will take

1800
My dear Sir, I will give you what is best to be
done with these left-hand work, them or sell them
they are found an article being a great price. I have
been offered some for them. Your Honour will bestow
but if a fair price can be obtained the only way
and then being sold on the present market in some
good stock, where the Salist will support them
and I must request of your appointing an agent
a Gentleman in England to take care of them and
to when you will send remittance for their support.
I also have to desire of you to visit annually
to a life of a person at all their Aunt's at each
Prayer in Scotland during her natural life twenty
pounds sterling, she is about to say her last
ten and last of them up, now my good friends
Will know all of you -

This is done as the last will & testament
Signed in the presence of the witnesses -

Wilmer
Stephen Brown
Wm. Hanson

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Map of South Carolina

My dear brother, I hope all is well.

And to command Chief, as over the State appears
To all to whom these presents shall come.

Know ye that James D. Hutchins Esquire who
has certified the Supremacy of writing hereto and
his way of the time of signing said certificate
and shall be Ordinary for the district of Charleston
in the State aforesaid, Therefore all and fault

Court and authority is, and ought, to be, had &
given to his proceedings and certificate of such.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereto
set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal
of the State, in the City of Charleston this
twelfth day of November in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and
thirteen and in the thirty eighth year of
the Independence of the United States
of America.

By the Governor

Jas. D. Hutchins

Secretary of State

Received & Examined the 6th day of
December 1813 by

Isaac Crary Clerk