

Lexington, Ky. July 28. 1864.

Mrs Josephine Erwin.

Dear Madam,

I received your letter of the 15th inst several days since, but owing to my being very much preoccupied with business have been unable to answer it sooner - I am sorry to say that since writing you, I have determined to leave Kentucky for an indefinite period, which has compelled me to resign the Administration of Mr Clays estate - Mr Thomas J. Nichols is my successor -

I enclose herewith an abstract from the Kentucky Statutes, underlining the portions to which the attention of your legal adviser should be called. The Certificate of the Clerk should state the facts required in the Statute - The petition to the County Court will create no delay when the necessary papers are forwarded - You will have to send a copy of Col Erwins will, with the Certificate of the Clerk of the Court where it is recorded, that you have qualified as Executor under said will & also that you have qualified