

February 15th 1857

Cousin Nancy about five weeks ago I wrote to you stating what I had done in full but fearing you might not get the letter I have concluded to write a short acct. of what I had done in this letter immediately after receiving yours by Mr. Beard I advertised and sold every thing except the Beds which I think amounted to between 11 and 12 hundred dollars the Negroes I hired out at good places all but Fannie who is with Station at Mr. Beares for her victuals and clothes Puss is at John Waiders whom I think her and her child will be taken care of Perry has his wife with him I think at a good place I endeavored to get a reasonable price for them and good horses the Boys hired for 125 and 130 dollars a piece I have gotten about 100 dollars from notes and there is a few more dollars yet to collect how much I cannot now say I have not yet ascertained how much he owes I also rented the farm for 150 dollars I had to get a good many clothes for the family, even what they had was not made up when your Father died. I think probably I can settle up the business if I am spared by the end of the year I have done the best I could for your interest and hope that it will be satisfactory We are all well and so is your friends and acquaintances so far as I know I remain your Cousin

Isaac Steward

P.S. I should like to hear from you please write and any thing ^{you} wish done I will try and attend to it
I. S.

I heard from Mary Jane a week or two ago she was well and I think would be satisfied if she had some of her friends with her I expect to go out there in the spring