White Creek Hills, February 4, 1851

De Child: I have heard nothing respecting the business between Mr. Graham and myself since I left this country in August 1850. Until I met with Mr. William Brookfield, he can tell something concerning the business; but very little particularly for an executor or a further estate. He has told me that he has been engaged in settling up the debts due from Mrs. Forrester's estate. And that the money from the sales of the personal property, is entirely exhausted and there remains debts unsaid from the estate yet and I suppose the money due from Graham to the real property will have to be used for the payment of those debts yet unpaid. In this respect I wish to inquire of Charles S. Brookfield respecting the business as William Warren has now received several of those debts paid or remains yet to pay. I have full of the business is to be and has been managed by Mr. Warren for all of the business there is to be and has been managed by Mr. Warren for all that has to do with the business and without any knowledge here I wish to inquire of Charles S. Brookfield. On my part and to the same business, I have all confidence in William doing anything whatever. I have conversed with him at different times respecting our business and he appears to know much of the subject about it. He also appears to be well acquainted with the facts of that two thousand dollars contract with Mr. James and in that to I have agreed with him to take two thousand dollars of the balance in consideration of the same agreeable to a written contract left in your hands. He has received two thousand dollars or rather a five thousand dollars plantation on Tennessee a very good one and has three thousand dollars rent for two or three years and is entitled to four hundred dollars of the note which was due last August by his paying one hundred and eighty dollars interest for the same, which is below is the amount of interest he owes me.
The note which falls due 10th August 1831, William is
intended to see hundreds of dollars of the balance of all the notes
which you have possessed and these notes are to be collected
hands of Charles Brockett, such a part as will pay my
part of the debts remaining yet unpaid. Should there
be any left, send it to me by James Brockett; he will
be in that country some time in this month. Suppose
you would like to hear what I am doing amongst the
whites brick hills. I am managing a saw mill of fathers
which is worth to me one thousand dollars a year and
is very healthy part of the world. I have rented the saw
mill for the term of seven years at eight hundred
dollars a year. There is a tract of land for sale within five
miles of Nashville with a saw mill and other
valuable improvements, which I should like to purchase
and should be fortunate enough to collect four thousand dollars
from Graham it would help me out in the purchase of
this property. I am much indeed, I have been engaged for
two last years in buying a few negroes my force at this time
is sufficiently strong to manage a good plantation. Myself
and family are well and our friends in this country,
except father. He still continues a cripple with the limitation
in hopes the times will find you and all well. I wish you

[Signature]

[Additional text in small handwriting]