

Sherwood Forest

June 6. 1854

My Dear Sir,

Your letter reach'd me the day
before yesterday and I lost no ^{time} in answering it.
I felt confident in the payment of my dues to
the Ga^o. Vine & Co. company before this but have been
deprappointed in the receipt of a pretty large sum
from a proposition to purchase of me a valuable
tract of land on the Ohio River, in Kentucky.
The person making propositions has given me no
such assurances of payment as I require, and
I therefor consider the sale worthless - I was
also deprappointed in the sale of my corn
and am now retailing it to the neighbor-
hood. Under the circumstances I will readi-
ly avail myself of your friendly offer to
endorse for me and to negotiate through the
Bankers and thereby discharge my obligations to the
Company by the 1. July. Will you prepare the
note and forward it for my execution. Make it
payable at 3 months and if I do not then re-
deem it entire, I will so curtail it as to satis-
fy the Directors of the Bank. I desire the whole
matter with the Company, after the discount
is obtained, ^{to be considered} as ended - having no ^{there} hesitation in

throwing myself on your personal friendly office -
May I invite your attention to one feature in this transaction which has been voluntarily introduced by myself and probably under error - The principal sum due was \$1012⁰⁰ and interest was calculated on that to 25 Nov. 1859, making an aggregate of \$1173⁰⁰ 13
Now in executing my own notes I calculated the interest on the whole amount to the periods of the deposit payments - Should I not rather have calculated ^{it} on the principal and then have aggregated principal and interest? Decide this for me and just as you decide I shall myself decide - ^{The difference is small and of little moment - my opp. may} I shall be desirous after the decision, to obtain a Deed of Release - Doctor John Minge is the Trustee and he is in Louisiana - Can we not substitute another, and by friendly Will and answer, or in some other way attain this object -

With best respects to Mrs. Mason and highest regard for yourself

I am Truly & faithfully Y^rs
J. Lyle

Hon. J. G. Mason