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SIGNATURE: Robert Pitcairn

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Robert Pitcairn asks Augusta Longbottom, granddaughter of William Brower, to accept him as agent for the younger heirs in reclaiming estate of Nicholas Brower. Asks for her contribution.

Daniel and Jeremiah refer to sons of William Brower, Augusta Longbottom's uncles.

See DOC B-3 for another letter to Mrs. Sarah Longbottom--Sarah Augusta was her full name.

See Doc B-38 for original will of William Brower.

To. Mrs. Augusta Longbottom  
at Savil, Islip Town, Long Island, State of New York

NB: I have had the lease wrote (sic) these three months. Waiting to see Daniel or Jeremiah to get your direction but I wish very much to see you. Now it would take 20 sheets of paper to give you a thorough understanding respecting the whole of the property and how it stands. Best to be short: Several people living on the property confess more than I asked for information. They acknowledge every fact of the property belonging to Nicholas Brower and his children of Wappinger's Creek. In fact, their (sic) is not the least danger in respect to the Trinity Church property. We the descendants of Nicholas Brower claim the 2/10 of that property making one fifth of the whole. One ----by Adolphus, Nicholas' father, and the other by John Drake, Sarah Drake's grandfather. Sarah Drake was Nicholas Brower's second wife of which your grandfather William Brower (was born.) Now this vast amount falls into the younger children's hands and the children by the first wife get none. The lawyers one and all acknowledge it; the will of Nicholas cutting them off. But if we do not exert ourselves to the utmost they probably will get the better of us or cause our part to be held a long time from us.

But, putting that a (sic) one side, altogether the property left in Dutchess County free and clear of debt by him which I am prepared to show to anyone interested is immense enough to make the distanted (sic) heir you will ever live to (see) so wealthy with care they cannot spend the last of it. There is (sic) thousands of acres, in fact tens of thousands, mills, factories, several churches. Not one acre of that property can be purchased for less than \$100 per acre and some gentlemen's country seats they pay taxes at the rate of \$65 per acre and the property is never assessed for more than half its real value. You will think I am exaggerating but I am not; I give you my word for it and if you come to New York and call on me I will show you not only the deeds but some maps of the property also, drawn in you grandfather's lifetime and at his expense.

Now I wish you to come to New York and call at No. 6 Carmine Street on Cornelia Manning. She will inform you where you will find me and likewise give you a great deal of information. Likewise Mrs. Cannon your half-sister. She has seen some of the deeds and 2 of the maps and many

other things. Do not delay for I am -----to obtain the property and change the condition of every heir to it. If Daniel should be at Islip please inform him of your coming. He may have something to send--a letter if no more. I wrote you what your part (is). Therefore prepare yourself with money. If you have not got the whole by you fetch what you have and the rest can be sent by mail. Daniel or Jeremiah can give you a great deal of informatin if you ask them but, comparatively speaking to what you will have by coming to New York. from

Yours Respectfully,

Robert Pitcairn, Agent for the Heirs