

Washington City
Feb. 3. 1856.

Mary,
I received yours of the 28th inst. I received a line from you announcing the death of Mrs. Kingman & afterwards a paper containing her epitaph. Not knowing where you was to have for home I did not think it best to direct to you at St. A. but presumed Mary would keep you informed of my writing until I knew you had reached home.

In relation to the constitution of the pecuniary affairs at St. Albans you express the proper feeling, that is, if there is anything justly coming to you there you want it for the children, but do not desire any trouble about it. It is true that if Mr. Smith gave Mrs. K. to understand there was property offering to dispose of it she made her will relying on this, I think he will hardly say now that there is little or none. But he may say so & say also that he was unwilling to disturb her by so saying at that time.

I cannot but say that I have great confidence in the integrity of Mr. Smith. I believe