

purse in everything, but as I am obliged to England & could not sell the Instrument nor could not out of the sum I have spare twelve Joes which I wished to have sent you, I therefore give up with pleasure any amusement the Harpsichord could afford me, and send it under the care of Mr Warner a very genteel man who has promis'd to take care of it and sell it at New York where the Vessel is going, or any other town on the continent he can to the best advantage & give you the money. I am in hopes it will bring you even more than the twelve Joes it cost, but whatever the sum is I beg your acceptance off it, & I hope it may assist you untill you come to me, and with respect to your passage money, I entreat my Brother Frank to pay you whatever the Buildings of any kind on the land in Salem (you know best what they are) are rented for from your Brother's Death Oct: 10th 1784 till you set out for England, what I mean by this is the Thirds of it which is my Right as the Widow, and I write by this conveyance to Frank to lay it off for me, & assure you I mean it only for your advantage the other two parts Brother Frank will keep in his hands for Jack as I must account with him for it when of age.

I beg you will write to me & if you cannot get an opportunity for England Immediately & will send your letter to Mr Warner he will convey it to me (should this Gentleman come to Salem I should be glad of any civility that could be paid him, as he has been very kind about the Harpsichord) please to direct your letter to me under cover to the Agents of Jacks Reg^t the 55th Messieurs Cox Cox & Greenwood Craigs Court London, for they will send it to me whatever part of England I am in, & I shall write as soon as I am settled & let you know what part of England to come to me, let me know in your first letter whether you can get the Thirds laid off & the rent paid you, for if not & you chuse it I will send you a power of attorney for the purpose, tho I should be sorry Brother Frank should oblige us to this.

We sail to morrow, I am therefore only, with Jack's best love & duty, to assure you of my wish to see you in the spring & your little girl* & assure you that I am & ever will be

Your most affectionate sister
& sincere Friend
A. J. Clarke

Give my best love to Brother Harry & excuse my writing to him, but beg he will write & let me know by the first opportunity any service I can do him

*The "little girl" of 1785 is still living, in 1880, and resides in one of the tenements in the brick block erected by the late Michael Sheppard, Esq., on the site of the old homestead spoken of in this and the preceding letter.