

Boston May 11 - 1863

Friend Paine,

I rec'd your letter this morning and Mr. Marsh will send you, by mail, a copy of my "Unconstitutionality" & the price is .75, postage 13 - 88 cents. My book on "Poverty" is out of print. I am sorry, for I think it was a good book.

The language, in which you describe the will, and the nature of the trust, is somewhat indefinite. You say her husband died, "making a will, giving her a support out of his property (worth some \$10,000) during her life. He made his son Trustee of his estate."

From this language I should infer that the will may have been drawn in a manner to give the Trustee a very liberal discretion in disposing of the property itself, instead of requiring him to hold it (the specific property), and pay over the income to her. In that case, there might be no remedy, unless the Trustee was required (as he perhaps was not) to give bonds for the faithful performance of his trust. If he gave bonds, the remedy would be to sue the bail. If he gave no bonds, but is squandering the estate, there may be no remedy for what has been sold (unless the Trustee, or his Att'y is able to make it good). But it may be necessary to get a ne Trustee appointed, and have an injunction served on the present one, and his att'y to prevent them from squandering any more.

Before giving any definite opinion, I should need to see the will itself, and know all particulars. If you will give me the names, I could go to the Probate office and see the will, and ascertain whether bonds were given by the Trustee.

Perhaps you have a copy of the will, and know whether bonds have ever been given.

Yours Truly,

L. Spooner

Mailed July 21, 1862

Dear Friend,

The times keep me too poor (terribly overburdened) so I could do nothing for your plan, however promising.

W. Phillips

Dear friend,

If I had faith in what you propose I would make time & do it hurried as I am - But to carry through such a thing, one must have heart & I confess I have not a bit.

Excuse me

W. Phillips

Raleigh, No. Carolina

April 27, 1869

Lysander Spooner Esq.

Dear Sir,

When I was in Boston Last Fall, you did me the honor to write me a note and to send to me certain productions of yours, containing many interesting and able views on the subject of banking - and I assure you, I was most agreeably entertained and instructed in their perusal. I afterwards called to see you, but you were out at the time. I fully intended to have sought an interview with you in detail concerning your original and thinking views, on the subject of a real estate bank, and this the more especially- in as much as all I have left from the ___ of the war is valuable real estate lying in No. Ca __, Tennessee_ Arkansas_ & Mississippi. It so happened, that I was suddenly called away from Boston, and was thus prevented from seeing you. I intended, for some time, to have written to you explaining my seeming neglect of propriety and civility - but I concluded to mail and seek an interview on my intended return to Boston. But, in as much as my visit there is uncertain, as to time I take this occasion to express to you my regret, at failing to see you in person, and to assure you that I fully appreciated your kindness in sending to me the pamphlets alluded to-

I shall, probably leave here in about three weeks- and any further communication you may feel imposed to make to me will reach me at Memphis, Tennessee.

I should be very glad to see your experiment of a real estate bank fairly and fully tested- based on the productive lands n the South West.

Yours very respectfully,

K. Rayner