

to me, principally in exhortation to use my best
efforts to keep the family united in love and
affection, and to preserve firm and unshaken
the honor and integrity of the family, which
I was gratified to perceive, he was prone to think
= my dear Antigua has fully done —

He desired me to take his commissions, and other
ordinances of his own consideration among his
fellow men & preserve them as tokens that on
descent (his children) was not ignoble or unworthy
after this he talked but little, except in paroxysms
of pain, when he chiefly appealed to me for relief
which I should have given the worse to have offended
him, without the ability to do any thing at all —

He died like he has lived a brave and a
good man, leaving his family disconsolate and
languishing by all —

In compliance with his app. request his
I am acting as his Ex^r, though there is but little
to do, as he has principally settled his business
himself several months previous to his death
= His clothes and a few other articles have
been divided out among his children, some of which
I have seen some for you and Sportswood —
! What has become of his Lincoln land

= The details of it may be read in your oblige.

The suggestions you make about tombstones
accord precisely with my own thoughts & feelings
and I have determined to carry out your suggestions

if it could not otherwise be done at my
own expense — Our Mother shall run for
nothing while there is capacity in anything to minister
to her wants; — though she is independent and wants for
nothing, but the solace and attention of the children, of
which I am confident, no parent can enjoy in more
liberal share — I saw her yesterday on my way from
the upper countries, when she was on official busi-
ness: — she was quite as well as could be expected

I was glad to hear that sister Sarah substantiated
full confidence that I was doing my best in the
management of her Robert's business; — her knowledge
I have seen my best, but the best of management
could not counteract the effects of his own
recklessness and carelessness; — The disclosures of
the true state of his affairs has surprised me
as much as it has done his wife — I pursue you
nothing in my own business in one particular at
least, and that is to conceal all from my wife —

Since the treason of Sept. Tyler, I have organized
on Trip — to the North East, on the terms we proposed
it as altogether doubtful of accomplishment — I have
thought but little about it, and at present I do not
think I could venture altogether on my own neck; — I have
some money, which by rigid economy I shall attribute to
business I must pay — I have a considerable amount
of valuable lands and other good property, which I
could spare, but I can make no sales, therefore I must
work the land — I will raise the money by other means —