Parkersburg, W. Va., April 20, 1865.

Dan,

If you cannot sell to an advantage so as to make something on our share of stock sell my half to Henry Hargraves so that he can come out in my place. It will be an inducement perhaps to him. Try to sell at a slight advance if you can even to him. Do not let a single individual see this slip of paper. Thomas Wilson has returned, one of those composing the committee appointing themselves.

He, Thomas Wilson seems to think that Big Sandy is a good place for oil but I have got little faith. Send me a few powers of attorney in blank.

Yours J.T.H.