

Dear Uncle:

Lancaster May 2, 1848

I have this day closed the bargain with John L. Benedict; for his house at \$2,800 on the following terms: vis: he is to give possession within [] days at which time he is to receive the money (if you have it!) and if you have not the money he is to take yours & my Bond payable on at any time or before the 1st Sept. next with interest from the day possession and title is given for the property.

Dr. F.A. Muhlenberg has a judgment upon the property for \$1,400, that I think the Doctor would have no objection to take our Bond and release this Judgt (judgment); if however he should object, it can remain upon the property until you have the money; the Doctor is absent in Baltimore and will not be at home for some days therefore I could not see him--

I have filled up and send ~~you~~ enclosed 2 Bonds for your signature, one to Benedict for \$1,400 & the other to Dr. Muhlenberg for the same amount, which you can sign and return to me when I will fill up the date and sign them; will then give the one to Benedict and the other to Dr. Muhlenberg if he will satisfy his judgment--

If you have the money or prefer raising it in any other way, Benedict is (housed?) to receive the whole amount at once & given a clear title~

Israel Carpenter is to examine the title and draw the deed~

Mary is now much pleased with the lease and I think it a good investment for her and very desirable house and situation to reside in~

We are all well~

Your Affect Nephew

James B. Lane

Reverse:

Copy of a letter to

Uncle James

May 2, 1848

concerning Mary: Business

