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MC073: Folder 45: E. Macy to Thomas Sharp Palmer 1878 March 12

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Granville

March 12th 1878.

Bro. Thomas

We got your letter last night saying that you would sign the contract, but did not approve of it entirely. You thought that we & Crabbs were entitled to pay for keeping mother. That is true, but we can't get it. at least we can't. Our accounts are outlawed, and will not be accepted by the boys, and I am not sure but there are others that would object to paying them. Father gave Lizzie ten acres of land, and called it \$250. – The boys claim that I ought allow interest on that at 6% for the 25 years And another of the heirs says the ten acres must be charged to Lizzie at the price the farm sold for - \$62.50 – per acre. Either of these I will agree to if they will allow my accounts with interest.

So in the contract I proposed to offset these per the 3 section I released the estate from any claim by me for taking care of mother. And on the 5th Dec -. I proposed that Lizzie be released from all account of the \$250.00 ten acres of land. And then if she shared equally with the rest of the girls she would be short \$177. I have not heard from the boys, nor what the Dr. thinks. We got a letter from Tad. She did not say what they thought of the conditions, but seemed to be out of sorts about something, and gave as her opinion that we better drop it entirely. That is, I suppose, let the will be executed, in which case of course Lizzie will get nothing by inheritance, and I nothing on my accounts. Well, if they have a conscience to do so they can do it. We shall probably live as long as Lord wants us to. We don't regret anything we have done for these dear ones now in heaven. Mother, Ettie & Bessie were all dear to us, and if we have done them any good we are glad, and would not by any means undo it though we never get any thing more for it. But tell Tad no one can tell of the steps taken, the cares, anxieties, and watching that money can never pay for that was cheerefully submitted to for those that are now gone.

Lizzie's health is very poor, and is continually declining. Her nervous system is too much shattered to endure much of this trouble, and excitement. I fear for her.

Yours &c

E. Macy

Lizzie has just told me to say to you that the boys paid mother's funeral expenses and thinks it was twenty five dollars. Fanny has just written a long insulting letter to Lizzie