

New York, June 7, 1813

Isaac Cooper Esq.

Dear Sir,

The Proprietors of DeKalb residing in this city have had a meeting this morning and are very desirous of having that land divided but there appears to be a difficulty as related to your Brother's Children unless your Father's will is sufficiently explicit on that head to authorize his surviving children to act for the heirs of the deceased. If this is not the case it will be necessary to apply to the court for an order in the usual form to enable the concern to make a legal division.

I presume that all your Father's heirs will readily assent to have the property divided as soon as possible. Mr. DePeyster and others here are very anxious to have it affected. Will you therefore have the goodness to write by return of mail and state how far your Father's will authorizes you to act for your Brother's Children on whether it will be necessary to apply to the court for an order to make the partition. Be so good as to write us particularly upon this subject and which in your opinion will be the best mode to effect the object in view.

There is in this city a Mr. Amos Lay a surveyor from that part of the country who is desirous of surveying it. Do you know him? He appears to be a well disposed man and well calculated for the purpose. As I will leave this City on the 12<sup>th</sup> instant I wish you would address your letter in answer to Mr. Fredric DePeyster, W. Lloyd Daubenny, J. R. Murray & Wm Ogden. Please to present my best respects to Mrs. Cooper and believe me  
Dear Sir

Your Faithful & Most hble Servant

William Ogden

I shall depart on the 12<sup>th</sup> instant for the Geneseo Country and on my return I will if I possibly can call & see you at Cooper's town.