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Examined
over 1847

Bethel 6th
Nov - 6

Dear James Finley

Enclosed

Don't 50
Bygon 50
Stout 50
Lent 100
Hudson 50

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Mr Morris lawyer
Bethel Maine letter

Dear Sir

Bethel November 5th 1830

I received yours of the 3rd inst this evening, and have
it now in ^{my} power to give you some information on the
subject of your enquiry. The personal Estate of Mr
Coans as appears by the return of the administrators
is only about 150\$. The real Estate is probably worth
2000\$ the Estate consist of about 260 acres well
improved, the old Gentleman in his life time laid
off to two of his sons about sixty acres each,
liberally declared that he intended it for them
and the balance of his land for his other son, but
died without making any legal conveyance or
other instrument in writing to secure them the
title, they have filed bill in Chancery to compel
two other of the daughters and their husbands beside
Harris and wife (I think Dugan and Synders &
which are their names) to execute Deeds of quit claim
to their part of their Father's Estate, the Court of laws
which has just heard has decreed they shall
do so. Mr Marshall who appeared in the cause as
well as myself is of opinion that this decree is
erroneous, and that the real Estate of Mr Coans is
liable to be divided amongst all his Children
Equally, and we have appealed from the jud

most of the common ideas to the Supreme
Court I am told that the youngest son who has the
harvested in his possession has no idea that he can
claim on the same ground as his brothers and is
willing to divide with or buy out his sisters.
The part of the personal Estate that would be coming
to Mr Strain as returned by the administrators is
hardly worth looking after, but Mr Dugan told me
he was well satisfied the Estate had not been justly
inventoried. It remains for Mr Strain and wife
to say whether they are willing to relinquish their
right to any part of their Father's real Estate or
whether they are willing to compromise with the
youngest son (John I think is his name) and take
what he will give them, or put in, and insist on
on their whole claims. One of the brothers is deceased
the decree is in favor of his heirs. It will not be
necessary for you to attend here on this business
at least before the Supreme Court. which will not
be holden until some time in the Spring, in the
mean time you can advise me as to the wishes
of Mr Strain in this business.

I am respectfully yours

Resd James Finley

Thomas Morris