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Dear Sir

Luray, 12 Nov. 1840

John Lincoln has come down to see me and informed me that he has left home as he cannot stand it any longer.

John informs me that Jr. is drinking and behaving, <u>if possible</u>, worse than usual, and spending his wheat crop for whisky & French Brandy, and has his family running about dodging him constantly.

In the name of Heaven, are we to stand and look on quietly and see the family destroyed. I expect to be at Harris -onburg on Monday, being Court day. Will you meet me there and let us see if we cannot fall on some plan to better the family situa--tion. do not neglect coming to town on Monday if you please, and it may be we can do much good.

I have also written to your Brother to meet us also.

Yours truly, John Lineberger

P.S. will you come to town early on monday morning, and we will consult together before court, so that if necessary we can have the aid of the Court.If we cannot come to some understanding, I want to call the aid of the Court myself, but much prefer that we all should agree in the course to be taken.