

cumstances stated in your letter my duty compels me to decline making the purchase.

Yours very respectfully,

A. W. BRADFORD.

HAGERSTOWN, *May 5th*, 1864.

GOVERNOR BRADFORD,

DEAR SIR:—Some 10 days since Mr. Jacob Fiery, Trustee in Equity, to settle the real estate of Robert F. Kennedy, deceased, called at my office, and informed me that you desired me to investigate the title to the property you purchased from him for a Cemetery, at Sharpsburg, and to communicate to you the result of my investigation.

I regret to inform you that it is my decided opinion that he cannot convey you a good title for the property purchased, but can only convey the interest which R. Kennedy, held in the same, which was an undivided four-fifths.

I send you herewith a short abstract of the title so that you may see upon what my opinion is based, and I am sure after reading it, you will agree with me.

You will find by the annexed notice that the sale will be ratified on the 20th of May inst., if no objections are filed to the same. Please write me if you desire objections to be filed against final ratification.

Very respectfully,

Your obd't servant,

(Signed,)

GEORGE FRENCH.

31 $\frac{1}{4}$  acres of land near Sharpsburg, of which the 10 acres purchased by you for Cemetery compose a part, was sold out in 1825, by Benjamin Price, executor of J. Hays, to Benj F. Hickman, (Recorded Liber H. H. folios 616 and 617.) Benj. F. Hickman, died intestate, leaving 5 children to whom his property descended, viz: Lucretia Hickman, Rebecca Hickman, Ellen, intermarried with Coneson Davenport, Mary,