Wm. Barroll Esq. Chester Co.

Germantown near Phila. 26th June 1833

Dear Sir

How it has happened that there has been so long an interruption to our exchange of Letters, I cannot or rather am not disposed to examine — Sure I am that it has not proceeded from my not having had you & your good Mrs B. very frequently in my remembrance, or from any deficiency in my best regards towards you & your amiable Friend & Partner in Life and my constant good wishes for your Health & Welfare — Whether the last letter between us rests with you or with me I cannot say, but as my Son B. (will make perhaps hasty passage thro' Chester Co. it seems as if part of myself were to be there, and if I were myself to be there, I sh. make my earliest call to see you so I cannot allow my Son to be near you without giving you a Script by him to ask you how you are, how is your Family and all about you, in the same manner as if I were myself at your hand — Advancing as we are in years and few of our friendly cotemporaries remaining, it will not do, to let the Chain of our long acquaintance rest from the want of brightening the Links of it now & then, and therefore I set ~~you the example~~ down to my present employment to set you the example, anxious to keep alive the good old intercourse that has so long subsisted between us, especially when Business was in question — That subject except so far as relates to the ample comfort about you, I suppose you do not plague yourself much about — the efficient & active politics of the day I presume you leave to others of younger years, and yet ~~I think~~ whatever you may think of the Man, it would have stirred up & excited an interest in you, had you been present and seen (and I suspect you would have joined in with it) the parade & attention that was offered to the President of the U.S. as the Chief Magistrate of our Country, on his visiting our City, which Parade has been continued throughout his Course Northwardly — He will have strong nerves and fortitude of character, if the adulation that has been shewn him & the Scenes he may witness North of the Patowmac have not the Effect of balancing some of his reputed partialities for the South, in case there should ~~to~~ unfortunately be again started an attempt to promote a collision of Interest in the General Welfare — If it were not, that you & I have lived long end to witness & experience the capriciousness incident to the Nature of the human Mind in Politics as well as on private Subjects, we would say that even Blindness or Infatuation could not, as it ought not, to foment it — but as it occurs with individuals in Society, so in the Body of politic, the multitude of a particular region will sometimes run mad — their recovery & being brought to their sober Senses & the happy exercise of their rational faculties most commonly depends on the prudence & good management of the Guardian or appointed Steward — Such Steward is the station of the President of the U.S. — Whether the Faculties of the present Incumbent will be competent with his Council to devise and then administer a permanent healthful relief to the Mind diseased remains to be proved — His Visit Eastward, if it had been a journey of Observation, would have an happy tendency to aid his information but it has been converted into a Show & has diverted or rather must have perverted his attention and he will probably revert without much more than personal Gratulation — it ought to impress him with

Copy to Wm. Barroll Chester Co.
26th June 1833
by my son B. Q.S.

with something more than the dignity of occupying the Capitol or White House
— But I am wandering upon a wider field than I intended which I at first meant to
limit to your immediate Walk, or as would be said in Winter "to your fireside" — that
expression seems as if it may justly be applied in the late extraordinary season
to a different division of the year than merely that of Winter, for we have occasionally
had Fire even in the present Month — In consequence of the late continued
prevalence of the epidemic of last Fall and the early visitation of Cold Weather over
taking us in November at my present residence which we made very comfortable for
the occasion, & anticipating the probability of the recurrence of the Cholera this
Spring, we suddenly determined to continue at Cloveden during the Winter and
here we remain happily in the enjoyment of the Health of the Situation — I wish I could
say in the equal enjoyment of a settled Weather — I do not know how it may have
happened with you, but we have had the most variable Season I ever remember and
lucky has been the Farmer who had an opportty of timing his work to meet the occurrence
that we have experienced — The Rain that has fallen within six weeks past has been
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to look for an agreable change which I hope will cheer all drooping Spirits & usher in
a plentiful Harvest with you — With us the Grain has of late been much beat down
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anxious Labor of the Agriculturist meet its reward or disappointment —

By the Bye, your Town acquaintance Mr J. Riccard whom your Son James
recommended to me as likely to be an active Superintendent of my Sm all remaining
concern in your County has greatly disappointed my expectations, inasmuch as he
has permitted the Tenant of our Farm adjoining your Fancy Estate to run on into an
arrear of near 4 years Rent without the collection of a dollar, and the houses in Town
are pretty much in the same Situation — he has lately written to me resigning
his unsuccessful Agency, and I shall have to solicit your aid, selecting & naming
some one who will exercise the friendly Office of taking Care of the little Interest
we have remaining near you, and as it may be no distant excursion from
your Premises, you will do me a great Favor, if in one of your morning rides, you
would turn in to see if the poor Man the Tenant has committed much waste of my Wood or done
any voluntary mischief that I may precipitate myself upon him & prevent his
further Favor —

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personally attended to this Business but in truth, in the reliance upon my
Agent, & the increased difficulty of my leaving home where I have more to attend to
than I can well perform, the journies which I once made without inconve-
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opportty of effecting what I could wish — One wish however remains and that is
that as you & Mr Barroll commonly make a Summer excursion, you would come
and favor us with a Visit to Cloveden, where Mrs C & myself would be very happy in
the pleasure of seeing you — We can promise you a clear & pure atmosphere and
with all sincerity that it wd afford us much gratification — Mrs C desires me to present
her friendly regards to Mr B. to whom I tender my best respects — To yourself I beg you
to believe that I remain with much Esteem Yr Ob. & obed. Serv.

Wm. Barroll Esq

Cliveden 26th June 1833.

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By the Bye Your Town Cousin Mr J. Raiford whom your Son James recommended to me as a likely hope and useful Superintendent of my small pecuniary concerns in your County has greatly disappointed me of pecuniary relations in as much as he has the Tenant of a Farm belonging to your Family Place to run on into an arrear of two years rent without the collection of a dollar and the Houses in Town are in the same situation — he has lately written to me resigning his unsuccessful agency — and I shall have to solicit your aid delicately & cheaply in obtaining some one who will exercise the friendly office of superintending the little small Interest we have remaining in your Town and as it may be one distant of curtain from your premises you will do me a great favor if in one of your morning rides you would turn in to see if the Negro man has committed much waste of my wood or done any voluntary mischief that I may meet it respectably upon him & prevent his further trespass

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* and the ability to get thro' that which in former days I should have made light of & therefore while I have much upon my hands, it seems as if I had less opportunity of effecting what I would wish, One wish however remains & that is

Copy Mrs Barnell 26th June 1833
by B. Cox

To Wm Barrett.

Dear Sir

I wrote to you on the of last begging you to name some person to take charge of my small concerns in Chestertown & of the Howards Gift farm - Not having heard from you I am at a loss how to proceed - The house occupied by Mr Greenwood is to be taken from him and the rent he owes me to be recovered by distress - and the house to be leased. The rent to be collected for the small house at the corner - Several years rent to be collected from Isaac Smith my tenant of Howards Gift who promised pay $200 in August - he to be removed, the buildings repaired and a new tenant to be obtained - and there are some outstanding debts to me to be received as well as they can be - I should be greatly obliged if you will name some one to whom to share I can confide these affairs - Smith is so miserable a tenant that it would be better the place were vacant than occupied by him - he pays no rent and is destroying the farm by his miserable cultivation & neglect.

Wm. Barrot Esq.

Dear Sir

Germantown near Philad. 1st Nov. 1833

I had the pleasure of writing to you by my Son B. (the latter part of June last) and promised to my self that I should have had the favor of hearing from you, at all times anxious to learn the health & welfare of yourself & family — in my Letter however I mixed some little Business which from our long & friendly intercourse I have felt made free to trouble you with. Being at present in an awkward situation from my not having an appointed Agent to attend to my small concerns in Kent Co., I take the Liberty of recurring to requesting your aid as I solicited in my last Letter to obtain for me some person of such description as you may approve and take charge of the concerns I have referred to who would superintend — My last Agent was not very fortunate in his arrangements on my Acct. and chose to relinquish the small matters he had under his care without effecting much concerning them — Not long after my Son's return from Maryland, you no doubt have learnt that I met with a disastrous occurrence in endeavoring to extricate myself from my carriage on my Horses taking fright & running away, my Coachman having fallen from his Box — in endeavoring to make my escape I fell and severely dislocated my right Shoulder & more severely dislocated my left Ankle fracturing some of the Bones and sustaining also other injury from being much bruised — for the first week or fortnight a hazardous & critical time — a long & tedious confinement has been the consequence but thro' great Mercy I am yet spared altho' I fear I shall have to move in a crippled state for the remainder of my days — my journey as well as my journeying is almost ended — My business has in many respects been of course neglected — My eldest Son who hastily visited there early in July would have repeated his Visit to have consulted you in making some further arrangement on Mr Ricaud's relinquishing his agency but for his affectionate attendance upon me and now he is obliged to go to the Western Counties of our State to attend to some important matters in that quarter — I therefore recur to which you have so kindly offered to oblige me for me some character to whom I may trust the management & care of my farm lying contiguous to your Property at the Fancy and to the two houses & Lots in Town

The Rent for the two stoned house in occupied by Mr Greenwood has not been secured and I am uncertain what measures Mr Ricaud took to render it secure — the small house at the Corner was rented by Mr Ricaud to some colored People — I am equally uncertain what has been the result with them — the Rent for both I have reason to believe in seeking recovered by distress or otherwise — As to the first, the present tenant was warned to quit it and my Son had entered into a negotiation with Mr Mansfield for the renting it to him proposing the Rent of $80 — after it was put in repair — A letter has been received today from David Arthur of your Co. stating that Mr Mansfield has declined taking the house at the

~~Pure~~ Son proposed and has invited himself elsewhere — David Arthur offers to take the two houses at the Rent that has been agreed to be paid for them or will take the house occupied by Greenwood at the rent offered to him — Greenwood promised to my Son that he would pay or would put certain accounts into the hands of Mr Ricaud out of which he might retain the Amt due to me —

Several years rent are to be settled for or accounted for by Isaac Smith the Tenant on the Farm, who promised to my Son that he would pay $200 in Aug last — He ought to be removed and the buildings ~~put~~ left in some repair by him Mr Ricaud has his Lease — a new Tenant ought to be provided and the for whom the buildings must be put in reasonable ~~repair~~ condition — Smith ought at any rate to be removed ~~&~~ securing as much rent as may be obtained from him by Distress or otherwise — it would almost be preferable to ~~suffer the~~ suffering the Place to lay idle as the present Tenant pays no Rent & is destroying the Farm or the character of it by his miserable cultivation and neglect and probably wasting the Timber — in short the Situation of the place from what I have heard is becoming more & more deteriorated under the tenure of Mr Smith —

As I have before stated to you I shall be obliged to you if you can recommend some person who to give an Eye to the Concerns as agent or to place him upon such Terms as may be best accord with Justice to the Parties — I should presume the whole would occupy but a small portion of time

I shall also be obliged to you to forward to me by some safe conveyance the Bond or rather Mortgage which ~~you some time ago acknowledged to~~ Mr John Telfair an Estate sometime since executed to me — wishing to concentrate my own affairs I am desirous of assigning it to those for whom I hold it in Trust — feeling at times my ~~age~~ and that my general accident has ~~taken from me~~ of late narrowing its limits I am anxious to lessen some of the objects of my Care — it would give me great pleasure could I indulge the prospect of soon visiting Chester to but it would give me much more pleasure ~~and~~ if I had reason to promise to Mrs Longstreet the gratification of seeing you & Mr Barrett at our Mansion — I beg my best respects to Mrs Barrett in which my wife unites with me and request that you will always believe me to be

very truly Your Ob Servt

Copy to Wm Barrett Esq
Savannah
1833
per mail & Postage 10

Wm. Barrott Esq
Dear Sir

Fermant Co. Nov 16. 1833

I recd your friendly Letter from Chester P. forwarded thence on the 11th and am indeed obliged to you for the Interest you have taken on my account in the enquiries you have made and more especially in your recommending the appointment of David Arthur as an Agent under you — From the wretched State in which Mr Ricaud has left our Concerns in your Co. and that full power may be given to make the best of the present condition of things I have annexed my Power of Attorney to you with a power of Substitution which you can immediately make to David Arthur or such other Person as you please so that at the same time that I would wish to avoid giving any trouble to you in the Business, you should retain the Controul & direction of the Agent & of the Substitute You will therefore be good enough to put Mr Arthur or such person as you may hereafter nominate into early and active operation that such Gleanings as may be saved may be collected —

I would trust that Mr Greenwood has not so far deserted the moral principle as to neglect and withhold the assignments which he promised to put into Mr Ricaud's hands for my use — if he or his fellow citizen Isaac Smith should prove regardless of the promise made by them respectively, I would say that the iron hand of all legal measures be laid upon each of them, if such proceeding should be likely to produce any good — As I mentioned in my last, Isaac Smith promised to my Son that he would pay $200 in Aug last but I fear that his promise has been forgotten — certain it is that I have not received the fruits of it — My Son B C J before he left for the West delivered to me the Papers he rec from Mr Ricaud among which I find the Lease of Isaac Smith and the agreement of Wm P. Greenwood both which I enclose — From the memor. afforded me I have made out the acct of the above Tenants and also of Wm P. Davis & Isaiah Coleman & Pere. Boyer the two latter being colored People to whom, the small Town house at the Farm was rented to each an half part

It is in vain longer to continue Isaac Smith as a Tenant at the Farm — he has Tenantlessness been warned to quit and he ought to be obliged by whatever means Mr Arthur & may devise to render the Amt due by him as well as make good the Covenants of his Lease & make up for his Deficiency by Damages if there should be any thing that can be got out of him —

In consequence of your Recommendation and your idea that no better Rent is likely to be obtained for the Premises Mr Arthur may take possession of the House occupied by Mr Greenwood at the $60 p annum and the Taxes for the ensuing year commencing on the 1st Jan next — As usual with every new Tenant I suppose he will require some repairs beyond the condition in which Mr Greenwood may leave the premises — You will authorize such as you think necessary Mr Arthur in his Letter to me proposed his taking upon himself the Rent of the two houses — the Rent at which they were last rented viz = $60 & the Taxes of $24 for the small house — these if you depute & substitute him will be under his direction — if he enters into an agreement for one or both, on his own account the agreement ought to be reduced to writing —

Since writing the above I have stated the several acct of Isaac Smith & by which it will appear as far as I am informed that Isaac Smith owes a bal (including his Rent for this current year & which was payable on the 16 of this month) of $294.37 — & Wm P. Greenwood at the end of the present year will owe me $180 — with these two I would wish Mr Arthur to take the most prompt & efficacious measures to secure the payment that may in prudence be deemed expedient, especially with Mr Greenwood — Mr Smith's Covenant to leave 60 bus Wheat seeded ought to be attended to and if any of the other acct noticed on the other side can be secured, it will be good saving — You will allow to Mr Arthur such Compensation as you think proper —

You no doubt will be glad that my paper is limited & that I have only is left me to make a thousand apologies in one word for what I have written & to assure you that I remain

Yours truly & Obed Serv.

Wm Barroll Esq

Dr Sir

Germant. 18. Decr 1833

I had the pleasure of writing to you the middle of last month but from my ~~not~~ not having since heard ~~answering not hearing~~ from you I am afraid I may have trespassed upon the kind offices you have been in the practise of extending towards me, as you were good enough to recommend David Arthur as an agent to attend to the few concerns we have remaining in Kent Co but it appeared some what uncertain whether he would ~~take upon himself~~ undertake the Business. I took the liberty of annexing a Power of Attorney authority to appoint D Arthur or any other Person you might think proper ~~which~~ not meaning to trouble you personally except to derive the benefit of your instruction. I adopted this measure as it appeared necessary that some means should be promptly enforced to save me of further imposition than I have already sustained, I hope Mr Arthur has accepted your Substitution and done what was needful for me. I shall be obliged to him or such other person whom you may have nominated to permit me to receive from them ~~such~~ some information ~~of what~~ if any thing has been done.

Copy to Wm Barroll Esq Chester
Co. 18 Nov 1833 – 2d 24 Jan 1834
forwarded by mail of
18 from Phila
a doubt be good letter
also copy 25 do. 24 Jan 1834

Wm Barroll Esq

Dr Sir

Chester 24 Jan 1834

I fear that I am more troublesome to you than I ought to be in relation to the small concerns that remain here in behalf of the ~~to~~ Co. – it is certainly true that small concerns often give greater plague than objects of magnitude ~~and~~ I have certainly found it by experience that small concerns are the most troublesome and afford the least profit ~~although~~ ~~even in the hands of~~ ~~when~~ a Sub agent ~~or who employed~~ – Situated as I am and I sometimes fear for my future days from the effect of the ~~extra exercise~~ disastrous accident that happened to me last summer that I shall be cut off from journeying as I was wont to do ~~and therefore~~ I am obliged reluctantly to impose myself upon my friends – the kindness of your friendly offer of your kind offices ~~have~~ involved you in the dirt of those to whom I have temporarily referred myself, not meaning to ask more from your friendship than that you should employ some one under you to attend to any thing that required a moments exercise, and for that purpose in my letter to you of the 18 Nov I requested that you would make such compensation to Mr Arthur (whom you had nominated) as you might think proper – I now take leave to repeat that I shall be perfectly satisfied with any agreement you may make with Mr Arthur in my behalf for his services – his occupation in keeping a School will not much interfere with an attention to the collecting the Rents of the Town houses but unless he is sharp with Isaac Smith the Tenant on the Farm who you inform me is a Dealer in Steam projects I should fear that he will find Mr Smiths promises will evaporate ~~as before~~ like his Fluid before they get into the Condenser – Some magic Spell seems to hang over that Farm for it has been a loosing Bargain to me ever since I have had it in possession and every Tenant I have had upon it has billked me of my Dues from poor Jos. Middleton to the present Occupant – Mr Arthur must learn Mr Smith ~~him~~ a better Lesson as he is used to do to his other Pupils – he ought himself to know ~~that a promise~~ the adage that a promise without performance avails nothing, and Mr Smith be he White Smith or a Blacksmith will be apt to make his Blast come to nothing – if Mr Arthur is in the habit of hiring a Horse, he must ride down the Smith or all will be lost – if he gets nothing for the past, but little is to be expected for the future

Wm. Barroll Esq.

Germant. 24th Augt. 1829

Dear Sir

The Bearer Mr Eliphalet Merrill being informed that a Tutor for the English Department is wanted at the College at Chester Town takes advantage of the Vacation at the School situated in this Place (where he has officiated for upwards of a year) to make a Visit to Maryland, being desirous of enlarging his Sphere of Action and extending his instruction to a greater number of Students than are usually collected in the immediate vicinity of Germantown — The Gentleman who is the Principal of the Seminary where Mr Merrill has been employed having applied to me for an introduction of Mr Merrill to some of your Board of Trustees it is an agreeable office due to that Gentleman to communicate to you for the information of the Board of Trustees the high estimation expressed to me of which Mr Merrill has rendered himself worthy — I understand that Mr Merrill has possessed himself of considerable acquirement and is peculiarly happy in improving his Scholars in reading, writing, Grammar, Arithmetic Geography and the minor branches of Mathematics — I have as one of the Trustees of the Germant. Institution this day attended the examination of three of his Classes and was much pleased with the progress of his Students and the laudable manner in which they acquitted themselves evincing the assiduity & happy faculty of the Instructor — Mr Merrill bears the character of irreproachable integrity and a Gentleman meriting an extensive confidence —

Wm. Barroll Esq

Dr Sir

Philada Sunday Evg 18th Jany 1829

An unusual Occurrence has taken place in the Conveyance of your ~~letter~~ Favor of the 14th Inst which altho' bearing the Post Mark of the 14th from Chester to was not delivered to me from the Post Office untill to day when at the limited hour for their delivering out Letters viz from 1 to 2 pm upon my sending for a Letter expected of some importance I rec'd yours that is now before me — I mention this merely to account for your not more immediately receiving my Reply

Upon recurring to my Letter to you of the 15th Ult. I think you will perceive that when I expressed with thanks my full accordance with your friendly recommendation of Mr Vickers as a suitable agent for my concerns in Kent Co, I mentioned the concern of Isaac Pennington as being ~~a separate~~ transaction to be kept seperate & apart from the notice of Mr Vickers and that under such circumstances upon your informing me of your having made the necessary arrangement I would immediately write to him — ~~then~~ this information from you I anxiously waited for and not hearing from you induced my troubling you with my Letter of the 10th of this month — In consequence of your present communication I will without delay write to Mr Vickers of Dover and to him a Letter of Attorney which I would execute this Evening but ~~as~~ that I presume it will require the attestation or acknowledgment before a Notary Public which shall be ~~obtained by the next mail and forwarded to Mr Vickers~~ for its better authentication I am much gratified ~~business~~ in the interim to learn from you that my Farm near your Fancy Estate has been rented either thro' the intervention of Mr Vickers or your Son — The Care of Phillis and her Daughter Delia I shall mention to Mr Vickers fully expressing to him your opinion of her ~~conduct~~ and her Daughter ~~with~~ & shall leave it with you on the expediency of ~~taking them under your protection~~ and her Daughter ~~with~~ & shall leave it with you on the expediency of ~~taking them under your protection~~ ~~that you may be acceptable to him~~ I may in my letter ~~to Mr Vickers to your general advice~~ — a pleasable Token of referring the Liberty of referring Protector or Master ~~formerly~~ Her Daughter Delia

inasmuch as I do not think myself called upon to give way to ridiculous or mere capricious exception Phillis herself is competent to every kind of house-work and can render herself useful ~~I do not consider her of great to keep upon my hands~~ I wish to be rid of her but her Daughter Delia requires some superintendence and I do not feel myself quite so delicate or scrupulous as to her — She has been a plague & Burthen to her Mother and I have no doubt will be in a happier situation if she is properly employed than in her present wandering and unsettled condition —

I shall take the Liberty of referring Mr Vickers to your advice when he may find occasion for it, hoping that ~~altho'~~ although I trespass upon your kindness you will consider me with respectful Compts to Mrs Barroll and all your Family

Very truly Your Obed Servt

Cannot trace be had of my Runaway Miss Betsey — ~~Wm~~ I shall authorise Mr Vickers to offer a Reward of $10 for her & $50 a piece for her Brothers John & Abe —

Copy to Wm Barrell Esq of 18 Jany
1829

~~James Barroll~~ Wm Barroll Esq

Dear Sir

Chstwd 10th Jany 1829

Returning from a Journey on the 19th ult. and on that day receiving your favor of the 11th Dec. which I found awaiting me, I immediately on the same day wrote to you on the subjects to which your Letter referred and from the friendly interest you were kind enough to evince towards me by your communication I have been promising to myself ~~the pleasure~~ for some time the pleasure of hearing from you — it was an object of particular anxiety to me to learn whether you had engaged Mr Vickers whom you were good enough to recommend to me, as an agent for the care of my few concerns in your Neighbourhood — From not hearing from you I am left in a State of entire uncertainty whether among other things my Farm lately ~~in the~~ under Rent to Hopper ~~has been dropped~~ would likely to remain open & unoccupied for the ensuing year ~~and~~ liable to the trespass of every Stranger ~~The inconvenience which I was apprehensive of yesterday by the very late period at which your Son~~ ~~able very late period at which I rec. his from you expa~~ Mr James E Barroll notified to me that he meant to relinquish his further attention to the Matters that had for many years been entrusted to him, I was in great hopes would have been lessened by the part you were good enough to take in ~~looking forward for~~ relieving me with an efficient Gentleman in his place and ~~—~~ flattered myself in the expectation that thro' your aid I had succeeded — But I have been rendered uneasy in not learning from you whether any thing had been decidedly fixed upon — Permit me therefore to request the information from you whether you received my Letter of the 19th and whether any measures have been taken by Mr Vickers and what for the renting of my Farm ~~or~~ whether it is likely to be with the Farm in Tobacco and untenanted — From a Letter I rec. at the same time with yours from Mr E Barroll I learnt from him that he would attend to the collection of the Monies due to me for the last year and take it for granted that he will close those Concerns as usual with the Farm in the year I believe I mentioned in my Letter to you of the 19th that I intended soon to write to your Son — On my revising his Letter, it appeared to me unnecessary then to trouble him with any then writing to him as he expressed fully his intention to collect "the Rents & hire that would be due at the end of the year as stated by him to be more familiarly in his knowledge — I take it for granted he has pursued this Course and that I shall soon as ain hear from him the result added to which I have been for ~~this three weeks~~ more than a fortnight almost in the daily expectation of hearing from you — I will now ask that favor I remain

with great Regard very truly Yr Ob. Ser.

Copy to Wm Barrell - 10th Aug 1829

Wm Barnell Esq

Dr Sir

Philad.a 19th Dec.r 1828

Returning ~~with the Steamboat~~ home of this morning from a week's absence ~~on~~ to meet my Daughter Mrs Mason and her 3 children who are to spend the Winter with us, during ~~the Absence~~ her Husband's attendance in the Legislature of Virginia in which he is a Representative, I have received your friendly Letter of the 11th Inst and hasten altho' under no small degree of fatigue from the unpleasant Journey from Baltimore, to acknowledge the kind interest you express in relation to some of the Subjects on which I troubled you in my letters of the 30th Ult.o & of the 8th Inst – The want of a worthy Tenant for my farm for the ensuing year ~~Contingency of my farm being taken~~ at so late a period of the Season as the present admits of much anxiety & concern inasmuch as if it should lay over unoccupied, not only the Crop in the Ground ~~or wheat~~ but the Buildings must go to destruction and Trespass of every kind committed – From the ~~Character~~ opinion you entertain of Mr ~~Nicholas~~ Vickers I have no hesitation in committing my concerns in Kent Co.y to his Care upon such terms as you shall approve – The Swan Point concern in which I am acting for others and which I mean to dispose of the first favorable opportunity not being included in the number – It may be proper also to mention that I have today also rec.d a Letter from your Son Mr J E Barnell of the same date with yours of 11th in which he mentions that it is his intention to collect "the Claims that are already in Suit as well as the Rents & Hire now due and he is more familiarly acquainted with the transactions relative thereto" as also to finish the Business arising on the assignment of Mr Lenit Angier's Bond which includes a larger Amt than the Sum payable to me and also expects the collection of the money due to me ~~the Judgment~~ obtained ag.st the Estate of the late Wm Anderson – The Monies arising on these Transactions he will of course remit to me without the necessity of their passing thro' the hands of his Successor as in such case a double Commission would be incurred – With this preliminary explanation I would ask the favor of you in my name to engage without delay the active Interest of Mr Vickers to whom I would now immediately write but am not a little fatigued and ~~think~~ am further led to think that you would in the first instance be better able to arrange the ~~regular~~ proper arrangement with Mr Vickers – ~~Not a Moment is to be lost~~ which I will confirm and ~~or advise again~~ informed of you having settled Matters with Mr Vickers I will send him my Letter of attn – Not a moment however is to be lost in his endeavoring to obtain a good Tenant for the Farm on the best Terms that may be procured in which I will pay very liberally him as well as to secure the continuance of the Rent of the Town Property – I mentioned to you my wish to obtain a Description of Miss Bailey and of the Cloaths she bore off with her with a View of advertising her with her two Brothers, for each of whom I will give $50 Reward – If this however can be done conveniently ~~with you~~ by Mr Vickers without delay, ~~I wish~~ and any Measures can be taken by him for the Recovery of any of them I wish it to be done without delay as I shall consider Mr Vickers my Agent from the time you may communicate with him – I will to morrow or Monday write to your Son Mr J E Barnell in answer to his Letter which I shall be obliged to you to mention to him as well as the reason why ~~it has not been~~. I have not had the opp.y of doing it before –

Another Letter has also awaited my Return from Mr W B Wilmer making a direct application to me upon the Subject on which I wrote to you on the 8th viz his expectation that an allowance would be made to him for his relinquishing the agreement first made with him when we agreed to rent to him Swan Point for the last six months of 1827 and when you & my friends of Chester were concerned with me in the belief that we shd have had the Controul of the Premises as far as regards the Share of the Crop then growing that was reserved by Mr Jones – Having given you in my Letter (of the 8th ~~I believe~~) my Sentiments upon the Subject I shall have it in my power only to write a short Letter to Mr Wilmer and refer him to you thro' whom that Transaction

I thought was fully arranged — Mr Wilmer in his Letter to me has proposed a reference of his Claim to certain persons to be appointed between us but I hope upon your interview with him as the whole Business passed thro' you, that you will be able to satisfy him that altho' from the accidental and unlooked for Rise in grain that is to say of the Corn (for I understand there was scarcely any wheat raised on Swan Point in 1827 at least not ~~enough~~ sufficient to be ex'pd) it may now appear that he sustained ~~no~~ there is no ground for his application, and that his appointment of a ~~Profit~~ Profit, ~~and~~ he will no doubt recollect his expression to me at the time ~~in~~ he & I rode together to Swan Point that he would be satisfied if for that six months he could clear himself in the expectation of laying out his plans for the ensuing year —

Copy to Wm Barrett at Friends
19 Dec 1828

Wm Barroll Esq

Philad. 8. Dec. 1828

Dr Sir

According to the Privilege which your friendly disposition has allowed to me of resorting to your good offices when a special Occasion occurs I am induced again to trouble you which I would have avoided by myself coming to Chester Co. but the present advanced Season of the Year and a Crowd of Business ~~upon me~~ which in the advance of years seems to increase upon me more especially ~~at the close~~ in the Month of December, the Journey would be very inconvenient to me – at this time if upon my hearing from you you should think my presence necessary I must encounter the Sacrifice.

I have received a Letter from your Son Wm Jas Barroll informing me that his Time being now ~~fully~~ so much occupied he must decline any further agency in my Concerns requesting me to ~~appoint~~ nominate a Successor – The Notice just at the present Season is rather unexpected – it would have been more convenient if the intimation had been given to me when I had the pleasure of seeing him when I was at Chester Co. the latter end of Oct. – My Object is to enquire of you if you know of any person who would ~~have an eye to the business~~ take upon them the attending to the little ~~Business~~ Concerns that are now remaining to me in Kent Co. –

It unfortunately occurs that no Tenant is yet provided for my Farm near your Fancy Farm and there may be danger of the present Tenant Nathan Copper falling short of his payments – he I have understood is to leave the Possession – if no occupant should be provided as well to take the Care of the premises & to pay a Rent for the ensuing year the injury will be rather a heavy one – The little Property I have in your Town you are acquainted with – I have hitherto entirely confided the management of all ~~these matters~~ to your Son – that of Swan Point I was aware was too distant to expect his attention to it and therefore supposing from the opinion I entertained of Mr W. Wilmer to whom I have rented that Farm for the ensuing year that I should have no difficulty in the necessary adjustments with him, I did not trouble your Son with that property –

I certainly have no right and at all Events I should be very averse in any instance to intrude upon your Son's Time, but from his more particular immediate knowledge of all the Matters that have been submitted to him I trust that he will secure the Collection of the Monies due for the present year – in the mean time I shall be much obliged to you if you could name to me a Person who would be disposed to give the few Matters that are within your Knowledge their occasional attention –

Your Son has mentioned to me that Mr Wilmer of Swan Point had applied to him ~~that I would make~~ agreeably to my wishes some allowance made to me for my disappointment in not having ~~entered into~~ the possession of Swan Point last July, twelve month, ~~and profiting of the~~ as I was given to understand under an idea that we might have shared the Portion of the Crops then growing on the Farm ~~that was~~ reserved by Dr. Jones ~~which at the time of the Sale was supposed~~ would have passed only by sale of the land to the Purchaser – an idea that was afterwards disputed by Mr Eccleston ~~but which did not~~ as I recall of Mr Jones and would have involved Mr Wilmer and myself in a Law Suit – Mr Wilmer in the first instance, as the Person who would have taken the Crops into his Possession, whatever may have been his recourse afterwards to you will no doubt reflect that – to avoid the inconvenience of both under your instrumentality, it was considered most advisable to all Parties to admit the Agreement first made with Mr Wilmer ~~and~~ which was only for Six Months ~~to secure Mr Eccleston the benefit of the Crop~~ ~~[illegible]~~ and give to Mr Wilmer the benefit of the Crop after his harvesting of those six months, an advantage to him in renting the Farm for the year ~~[illegible] 1829~~, which from the increased price of Grain and his being secured in the Lease of

a further year, has greatly exceeded any temporary ~~disappointment~~ expectation he could have deemed
his first six months occupation — certain benefits ~~to~~ that he could have been put to
no ~~absolute~~ actual loss or inconvenience by the Change, for the period was so short after his first
agreement and his consent to abrogate the first arrangement that he
could have taken no actual measures for the carrying the first agreement into execution ~~change in his plans~~
Difficulties had at the time been raised by Mr Wilmer we should not willingly have given any ~~he would not have~~
~~had~~ him the benefit of the past years Lease, for I had before that been offered a much larger
Rent for the farm than was agreed to be accepted from Mr Wilmer —
If an idea should be suggested that we had received from Mr Eccleston a
greater Amount than Mr Wilmer was to have paid for the 6 months, it is proper
to mention that the Amount has been lessened below the sum I should have
received from Mr Wilmer as I have been obliged to pay $67.82 for the Taxes
of 1827 due upon Swan Point — besides the Commission paid for collecting the money from Mr Eccleston
not having had a copy of the first agreement
with Mr Wilmer I do not know whether there was any provision made for
his paying any Taxes in addition to the sum contemplated rent — I have however
~~been subjected to pay~~ paid them which leaves the Receipt from Mr Eccleston less than I should
have rec'd from Mr Wilmer in Case there had ~~been~~ not been interposed the
Claim made by Mr Eccleston — that Claim therefore being likely to involve a
Lawsuit in which Mr Wilmer probably would been made Party and his having
the advantage I have mentioned of being secured in a subsequent beneficial year's Lease, I understood
that it was acceptable to all to ~~permit~~ adopt Mr Eccleston's plan — It may in
addition be observed that Mr Wilmer had the advantage of employing
his hands in seeding the Wheat that was put in in the fall of 1827 for
which he was paid $200 — Upon the whole I do not think it reasonable
for Mr Wilmer to ask any further Allowance from the Rent he has engaged
to pay for the past year — It may not be unworthy of remark that when
I was down in Md and was negotiating the continuance of renting the farm to Mr Wilmer for another year, I did not mention a word on the subject of the sale of Swan Point with
Mr Spencer, ~~on Mr Wilmer being informed of my ~~that~~~~ and that an Objection had
been raised by Mr Spencer against his purchasing the Property ~~if he~~
~~would not have~~ on account of his being the owner of the Property. The Possession on the 1st Jan 1829, Mr Wilmer very
creditably and honorably to himself offered to give up the Possession and
not stand in the way of my sale — without mentioning any compensation for such relinquishment or referring to any relation of the parties under the agreement of 1827 I had accepted the Offer the prospect of
for the ensuing year would have been ~~[illegible]~~ which certainly seemed a very advantageous one — but my reply to him was
that ~~if~~ as he had acted in so handsome a Manner I would forego the
Sale rather than take advantage of his Proposal — I confess therefore
I did not expect that the present application would have been urged and
hope Mr Wilmer will at his convenience remit me the balc of the stipulated rent —

I have been led to a longer letter than I intended to trouble you with, but one
Subject has invisibly led at another — which I hope you will excuse &c

Copy to Wm Barrell
8 Dec 1828 —

Wm Carroll Esq. - Chester Tn

Dr Sir

Philad. 17th Nov. 1828

When I was last at Chester Tn it was agreed by my woman Becky that she would go and live with my Daughter Mrs Mason to whom I of course have given her attendance in her place of Residence she will of course be taken either to attend upon her Children or be immediately about her Person as I have recommended Becky for that purpose — My Son in Law Mr James M Mason has recently been on a Visit to us in Philad. and left us on Saturday last to return home ~~to Winchester where he may Daughter reside~~ — he is gone round by the City of Georgetown Dist Columbia to see his Father and proposed from thence to send one of his Fathers confidential Men to Chester Tn to accompany Becky to Winchester instead of her having to travel alone if the opportunity offers to Mr Mason to send for Becky, he will by the Person he may send address a Letter to you in case ~~this~~ you may not be in Chester Tn in order to sanction the Call of the Person to whom he may entrust the Care of Becky — You will no doubt recollect that you were good enough to accompany me to Dr Chandler with whom Becky is ~~now~~ hired for the present year who not wishing to keep her for the ensuing year agreed to let her go at any time that I might call for her subsequent to our seeing him upon my consenting to abate the proportion of her hire ~~for~~ according to the time of her leaving him — about which there will be no hesitation — ~~Under these~~ My object therefore in now troubling you is to apprise you of the arrangement that has been adopted by Mr Mason and to ask the favor of you in Case Mr Mason should send a Messenger as intended by him to direct ~~him~~ the Messenger to Becky and if it may not be trespassing upon your general kindness towards me I would suggest the expediency of your first sending for Becky and acquainting her of the Plan as also to notify her of your intention for her going to my Daughter — after the full consent given by Becky to come to go and live with my Daughter where as I have stated when she will be taken as her Chamber maid or to attend upon her Children, I shall expect that she will not recant, or make objections after putting me to the Trouble of fixing her where I conscientiously believe she will live happier than in any other place that could be offered to her provided she conducts herself with the integrity of character that I always heard ascribed to her — it will not only be unreasonable but ought not to be expected by her that after having accepted the comfortable provision made for her, ~~that~~ she should change her Mind or decline going — The Messenger therefore who may be sent as I presume Mr Mason will send a Person in whom proper Confidence ~~proper to be~~ is to be placed ~~entrusted~~, ought not to leave Chester Tn without Becky — She will of course take with her all her Cloathing — if necessary the Messenger should provide a Box or Trunk for their conveyance — if the Messenger should not be provided with money for that purpose, I will pay the expense of it

hope on your late Visit to Baltimore you were timely apprised of the Rise in the Wheat Market, to obtain the best Price for your Crop ~~rather~~ than the ~~low~~ comparatively low Rate at which Grain was selling when I was with you — — the intelligence of the demand of Supplies in England came opportunely to those who did not go early into the Market, to make up for the short Crop that many on the Eastern Shore complained of — I ~~lately~~ wrote to Mr W B Wilmer of Swan Point on the Subject and would have written to you but that I knew you were on a Visit to Baltimore where every information would rapidly reach you — much will depend on the next advices from England whether the Prices are to continue

We have to day had a Report of a strange infatuated Contract having been entered into in which one Mr Col N. E. H. Chambers is to be a Party, in which an engagement has been made upon $100 being paid him in hand, to give one Cent in the first instance for the first Vote of Genl Jackson more than for Mr Adams, two Cents for the second Vote of Majority in favor 4 Cents for the third Vote, 8 Cents for the fourth Vote, 16 Cents for the fifth Vote, 32 Cents for the sixth Vote and so on doubling the Amount at every Vote which at a certain Number, like the old Story of the horse Shoe Nails must end in such a Sum as to exceed all common apprehension — I trust I hope the Story may not be true — indeed I cannot bring my Mind to believe

that our Pr the Col. would have so committed himself and shall truly rejoice to have it in my power to contradict the rumor —

Copy to Wm Barrett - Charles Town
17 Nov 1828 Post Mark Post T. Paid
Directed to Barrett at in his absence to
Jas G. Barrett
adt Berkey —

Wm Barroll Esq
Dr Sir

Philad.a 24th Dec.r 1827

I grieve to inform you that since last Thursday five weeks I have been confined to my Chamber with the most severe attack of Rheumatism ~~that I ever met at~~ and for very near four of those weeks suffered the most acute pain laying me prostrate and chiefly on my Back — Thank God, Relief has arrived and yesterday I have been able to change my Room for part of the day and have reason to hope that the Enemy has been defeated and driven off — the Struggle however has left me very weak from the great Depletion I have been obliged to submit to.

Your Friend Mr Sewickes on Saturday delivered ~~me~~ your Letter dated on the 14th Inst. enclosing the Assignment of Mr John Tilghman & his ~~Lady~~ Wife Mrs Ann Tilghman — Mr Wickes was prevented leaving your County as early as he expected to have done when your Letter was written — Altho in my Chamber I saw Mr Wickes regretting that I had it not in my power to render him the assistance I otherwise should have had pleasure to have afforded in consequence of your recommendation by making enquiries to further his wishes — I however recommended his application to some Offices where Business appertaining to his Case is transacted — knowing ~~because~~ the general disinclination with most persons against the loaning of Money at a distance even tho' well secured, I am apprehensive he may not meet with the Success that he had ~~proposed to himself~~ expected. He proposed seeing me again to day but lest he should be discouraged and determine to leave town early, I prepare this Letter for him, that I may take advantage of touching upon other Subjects —

~~The day after my attack commenced~~ On the 21st Ult.o while confined to my Bed I received a Letter from my Friend your Son Mr J. E. Barroll informing me that Mr Wm Wilmer who has rented Swan Point for the ensuing year had called upon him for the payment from me of $200 for the expence of putting in the Wheat sowed at Swan Point under his direction. The Visit of my eldest Son at Chester Town whither he went upon Business of the late Mr Tilghman's Estate will no doubt have informed your Son of my then incapacity to ~~answer~~ reply to his Letter which I should have done promptly had I been able to write — John the requisition of Mr Wilmer somewhat surprised me not having been acquainted with the particulars of the agreement that was last made with Mr Wilmer — in the agreement came agreed between you and myself ~~relating to~~ and Mr Wilmer I understood that Mr Wilmer was to advance all the necessary expences of seeding &c on my paying for the new Seed that was to be obtained thro' your Brother James at Baltimore — which has been supplied accordingly viz. $203 10/100 your Brother has drawn upon me — but I did not expect that ~~for that Amount~~ I was to advance a further Sum whatever might be the Allowance that ~~might~~ subsequently be agreed upon by you to be made to Mr Wilmer out of the Rent to be paid by him — yet it is not my intention to deviate or detract from any clearly defined agreement that you ~~of~~ your Son may have entered into on my Behalf — I shall be obliged to you therefore to ascertain for me how far I am made liable to be called upon for this advance in Cash to Mr Wilmer when it was clearly expressed by Mr Wilmer to your Son that he was himself with his own force to put in the Wheat, stating at that time that he should choose to put in the Wheat for himself —

If it should prove that in the agreement that has been entered into on my behalf that Mr Wilmer was not to be at the expence or was not to advance the expence of seeding by giving his own Labor & Stock but that I am now to advance for this expence, then I would ask whether there is no getting the Money from Mr Eccleston which he had engaged

to pay ~~for the Corps~~ out of the Corps that ~~was~~ were then on Swan Point — Such agreement I understood from you was definite and ~~fixed~~ unequivocally fixed by Mr Eccleston — ~~It would be much more convenient to me if I am to advance the amount to Mr Wilmer, to obtain~~ if it should be decided that I am to be called upon for the advance to Mr Wilmer of the expence of seeding, it woule be much more convenient tome to obtain the supply from Mr Eccleston as the termination of the year in this place brings about the general demand for almost every one's resources in the discharge of accounts & added to which I could wish as early as possible to close the engagement entered into by ~~with~~ Mr Eccleston — The Lesson given tome by the indulgence of Time allowed in any case in which Mr A Jones is concerned serves as a Caution against the smallest extension —

In respect to the affair of Mr John Tilghman I hope the arrangement has fully been complied with as stated in a former Letter to you on this subject viz that Mr Tilghman has entered a Judgmt. or allowed such to be entered agst. him with a Stay & as ~~the executed~~ a further Security for the debt as the executed assignment is only as a collateral Security the amt. of which that may be coming to Mr or Mrs Tilghman from Mr Tilghman's Estate being uncertain —

~~As this~~ Having occasion to write the present Letter to you in reply to yours by Mr Wickes I have taken the opportunity of connecting Matters for the information of my Son in your Town Jas. which you will be good enough to communicate to him as it saves me from the fatigue of writing two Letters which I am yet not very well able to encounter being left under much debility altho I trust in a State of convalescence —

Mrs Cantler joins with me in presenting our best respects to Mrs Barnell with all the ~~warmth~~ goods wishes of the Season to you & your Family

with much regard I remain

Yr. Sincere Friend

Tobd Lee

Copy to Wm Barnell Esq
24th Dec. 1827
R Lee

Wm. Barroll Esq Chester Co.

Dear Sir

Phila. 5th May 1827

You have no doubt ere this been informed of the loss that our Community at large as well as a wide circle of intimate Friends have sustained in the death of my most valued & affectionate Associate Mr Wm Tilghman the Chief Justice of the Supt Court of our State — he died as he lived in the greatest tranquility in the night of Sunday last at 5 min. before 12. where with a fitated Feelings I attended his last Breath — Few have greater reason than myself to deplore his Decease as we enjoyed a reciprocated Confidence from our Boyhood forming a period of upwards of 56 years, during which I do not recollect that an untoward or harsh expression ever passed between us — United as our Fathers were for I believe upwards of 40 years, their intimacy led to an attachment between us and it was a gratifying Prospect that our Children became united by the Marriage of my eldest Son with his very excellent & only Daughter — it pleased an overruling Providence in a short time to summon to a better world this amiable Object of all our regards, leaving my Son an afflicted Father to a lovely Infant Boy who ~~was~~ ~~[illegible]~~ approaching his third year was also taken to the world of Spirits — The result has been that my Friend has gone without leaving a lineal Descendent behind him — He has made a will dated in Octo. 1819 before the death of his Grandson providing however for the occurrence that took place in 8 months after the date of his Testament, ~~[illegible]~~ wherein he has ~~ordered~~ on that Event ordered his Real Estate to be sold and its proceeds and its proceeds after certain Bequests and Legacies to be distributed into five equal ~~parts~~ shares, one of which he has directed to the Representatives of his dec. Brother Tench, another to certain Children of his dec. Sister Mrs Lloyd, another fifth to the Representatives of his dec. Brother James another to the Family of his dec. Brother Philemon & the last division to the Children of his dec. Sister Henrietta who had intermarried with the late Lloyd Tilghman.

The Forrest Plantation Stock &c will of course be to be sold in convenient Season — It will of consequence be necessary to authenticate his will in Kent County within which I believe the Forrest Place is situated — The will has been attested by 3 witnesses that has been duly proved by two of the Subscribing Witnesses the third Mr John Sergeant being at this time absent at Tacubaya in Mexico — My Son B. & Mr Edw. S. Burd are appointed Executors —

The enquiry has been made of me of the manner in which Provision has been made by the Laws of Maryland for the establishing within your State, the will of a Testator, a Citizen & Resident of another State holding Property within the State of Maryland — I confess I am not sufficiently informed on the Subject to give a decided answer and shall therefore be obliged to you to acquaint me what proceedings may be necessary to authorise the Executor's operations in relation to such part of the Estate of the deceased as may within the State of Maryland — The will itself being proved and by Law deposited in the Register's Office here must of course remain in the Office & cannot be removed — The question then arises as I have before mentd whether the Official Copy under the Official Seal from the Register of this Place will be admitted of Record in your County or whether such recording will be required on the Part of the Executors —

The present is a Case that is no doubt familiar to you as having been provided for by your Statutes which I have not the opportunity of examining and therefore ask the Favor of your better information which I shall be obliged to you to communicate to me as early as your Convenience may permit —

The Wife of Mr John Tilghman comes in for a Portion of the Proceeds which I hope will be of some Comfort to the Husband and perhaps aid him in the discharge of the Claim that is in your hands —

I hope that Mrs B. yourself & Family &c

Copy to William Barroll Esq
Chester Co
5 May 1827.

Death of Mr Tilghman – sows his will
to be authenticated in Maryland

Wm Barroll Esq

Dr Sir

Philad 12 March 1827

I am sorry ever to be troublesome to you but having written to you a considerable time ago upon the interesting subject of Mr John Tilghman and the recovery of a debt which you were good and so to take under your friendly care and having requested in some of my letters to you for Mr J E Barroll to mention to you my anxiety to hear of your success, without having rec'd the information, I hope you will excuse my asking the favor of your acquainting me the state in which matters stand — after the many assurances given to me by Mr J. Tilghman and especially his ultimately declining to fulfill his promise of satisfactorily securing the amount, I confess I am beginning to be a little uneasy at its continuing in an unsettled state — if however you have been fortunate and to obtain from him any ~~final~~ arrangement ~~by~~ which there may be any reliance, it will gratify me to receive such intelligence — at any rate I shall be obliged to you to inform me something of "the prophet before us"

I hope the curious weather of the latter part of the winter & the present month has suited you in a better manner than has happened to me and that yourself & family have enjoyed better health than I have — Having sometime ago taken cold, it has visited me with the rheumatism in my hip so as often to disable ~~me~~ & very much to confine me — with grateful thanks to the great disposer of all mercies I am now again in motion but with an abatement of that strength with which I have in general been favored — Many in the country have in like manner been afflicted — in short the winter ~~has~~ with us seems to have been a severe one upon the vegetable as well as upon the human frame — the grain has suffered much by the severe ~~frost~~ & continued frost in our neighbourhood — I hope it has fared better in your ~~Neighbourhood~~

I wrote on the 28th ult. to your Son James which I merely mention to express a hope that he received my letter — with my continued good wishes towards yourself & family I remain

Copy to Wm Barroll - Chester Pa
12th March 1827

Wm. Barnell Esq
Dear Sir

Philad. 14. Octr 1826

The Stormy weather of yesterday & the preceding day induced me to remain at my house at Germantown and the present morning was the first opp.y of my receiving your Favor marked as forwarded from Chester To on the 11th enclosing the Letter of Mr John Tilghman addressed to you, at the contents of which I am somewhat chagrined & disappointed ~~and~~ it will be useless for me to enter into further Comment to you as I am persuaded any remarks I could offer will have been anticipated by you — the present determination of Mr Tilghman is not of that order that might have been expected from him as the Proposition of the intended arrangement, I understood from you, was of his own Suggestion — You are aware of the Situation in which I have been placed by the Residuary Legatees and the manner in which I have been called upon by them to ~~proceed~~ pursue the Business — I have therefore no alternative but the adoption of a Suit to be entered as Mr Tilghman promises to agree to may be entered at any day you will appoint ~~and~~ should at the same time anxiously recommend the obtaining as a Collateral Security his assignment of the Debt due to him from the late Edwd Tilghman's Estate (from which however I have my doubts) and also any Mortgage that can be obtained of his Negro Property — Whatever may be my own personal disposition towards Mr Tilghman, I have not any thing left but to request that some prompt and the best adjustment that can be accomplished for the Security of his Debt should be adopted — I am obliged to write to you more in haste than I could have wished as I have two Persons waiting for me on Business of much importance to them, I rest in great Confidence on your friendly Offices in this Business persuaded that you will effect all that is feasible to be done —

Hearing a distressful acc.t of the prevalence of Sickness on the Eastern Shore I have been more than usually gratified at receiving your Letter, hoping as you have not mentioned any visitation in your Family that you all may have escaped & long continue in happiness

Lett.s much regard Dear Sir
Very truly Yours &c

I return you enclosed
Mr T's letter which you will
of course take Care to preserve

Copy to Wm. Barroll - Chester Co.
14th Oct 1826 - retail to John Tilghman
returned Wm Barroll I to letter which he had sent
home - paid Postage 20 Cts

Wm. Barroll Esq.

Dr Sir

Philad.a 21st Augt. 1826

In consequence of your conversation with the residuary Legatees of our deceased Relative Saml Chew Esq, on your meeting them in your late excursion on the North River and the permission given by you on their urgent application leading them to the expectation that you might have it in your power ~~would endeavor to obtain from~~ interview with our Friend Mr John Tilghman of Queen Anne's to negotiate with him some final arrangement for the Payment of what has become now a very heavy Debt due from Mr Tilghman to them, I have received from them a Letter which no longer leaves me at Liberty to delay the calling upon Mr Tilghman either for the payment of the Debt or the securing it in such way as to give them the most satisfactory assurance that the Amount will be forthcoming ~~to them~~ — I have very frequently pressed my Friend Mr Tilghman upon the Subject stating to him the distressful and painful situation in which he has placed me in the conflict between the sacrifice of giving way to their requisitions and the ~~exercise~~ maintaining my personal Regard to Mr Tilghman by the extension of my confidence in the assurances that he has from time to time given me of a satisfactory liquidation and discharge of the Amount — Relying upon the honor & integrity of Mr Tilghman that some arrangement would be adopted by him I have ~~with a view~~ extended this accommodation to the utmost verge of that discretion which appeared to be allowed to me under the will of my Uncle — that Latitude seems now to have arrived at its limit and the application of the residuary Legatees (two of whom especially in truth stand in Need of their Money) no longer permits me to leave the Business on its present footing — I trust and hope that Mr Tilghman, who in his Letters to me has made more acknowledgements of his sensibility for my friendly disposition towards him than I should at any time have asked or required, will himself feel that there exists in me no alteration of ~~that~~ my good disposition ~~in me~~ towards him but will in the liberality of his own Sentiments perceive that under the circumstances I have referred to, I have no alternative but to press his immediate liquidation either by ~~a~~ a Payment of the Sum due or giving such ~~satisfactory~~ Security as may be satisfactory to you for the Amount — I persuade myself that Mr Tilghman's sense of Justice as well as his correct consideration towards me will not admit of his hesitating to do this, which I am sure may be more acceptably accommodated thro' your Agency than in any other Way ~~& I shall~~ and hope you will be good enough to give to the Business your earliest attention — The Statement of the Debt is as follows

Dr. Mr John Tilghman of Queen Anne's To B. Chew Exor of the last will & Test of Saml Chew Esq deceased

For the Amt. of his Penal Note dated 3d Augt 1816 payable with Interest from date		$1466-50
For Interest thereon from 3d Augt 1816 to 19th Feby 1822 5 yrs 6 mos 16 days		487-85
		$1954-35
Cr. By Mr Tilghman's Note dated 19th Feby 1822 bearing Interest to be credited to him when paid		487-60
		$1466-75
Add Interest on original penal Note for $1466.50 from 19th Feby 1822 to 19th Augt 1826 — 4 yrs 6 mos		395-95½
		$1862-70½
Add the Amt. of Mr Tilghman's Note dated 19th Feby 1822	$487-60	
Interest thereon from 19th Feby 1822 to 19th Augt 1826 — 4 yrs 6 mos	131-65	619-25
Principal & Int. due by Mr John Tilghman 19th Augt 1826		$2481-95

Interest on $1466.50 & on $487.60 say $1954.10 from 19th ~~Feby~~ Augt 1826 to

The origin of this Debt has been of upwards of 20 years standing at first accompanied with the Security of the ~~brother of Mr John~~ Father of Mr Tilghman — in Augt 1816 Mr Tilghman renewed his Note to me under Seal, and as stated above in Feby 1822 gave me his Additional Note for $487-50 Both these notes I now enclose to you together with six Letters from him shewing the continued assurance of Mr Tilghman that he was making every exertion to discharge the Debt with his

renewed acknowledgement of the Justice of it and his apology for the delay of its Payment — The Period has now been extended to such a length without the payment of a single dollar that it has become absolutely necessary that Mr Tilghman should make his Payment or so secure its ultimate discharge as to leave no question on the minds of the residuary Legatees of its future Safety — You will therefore do the good end at your earliest convenience to advise with Mr Tilghman and conclude with him such arrangements as may be proper & necessary to satisfy the Ladies to whom the Debt is to be applied under the Will of my deceased Relation and for your authority in so doing I do hereby nominate and appoint you my full agent and Attorney in all things of concerning or in Relation to the Premises authorising you to enter into and adopt all such measures as may conduce to the successful termination of this Business

With much Regard I remain &c

Copy of Wm Rawle's 21 Aug 1826 letter to him in Philad. on the subject of Mr John Tilghman's Debt

Wm Barnett Esq
Dr Sir

Phila 27 Apl 1826

I ought specially to have written to you some time since to have made to you my acknowledgements & thanks for your friendly aid & advice to your Son Mr I E B on my behalf in the arrangement that has been adopted for me in relation to the Debt due to me from the Estate of the late Mr Carvill — In writing however last Month to your Son, I ventured to trouble him with a long message to you to say that I fully appreciated & esteemed the Interest which you had evinced on my account — I trust that I shall be the means of producing an early adjustment and hasten the Payment which has so long been delayed —

Having Occasion to see the younger Mr Harris of your Town & knowing of his speedy return I cannot omit making his the bearer of the repetition of my estimation the many kind offices I have been in the habit of experiencing from your friendship

I grieve at the information you have given me of the deteriorating prospect of your Town and the Property within its Limits where but a few years ago there existed a Society that was marked with the appearance of much Comfort and ~~happy & good living~~ Prosperity — the many occurrence that I have lived to witness in the Circle about me, also in our City where so many changes have happened in a variety of Families the Heads of which have endured or have passed away Misfortunes and the Branches of which have fallen from their high estates, often lead me to reflect on the instability of human Affairs and the Vanity of many of our visionary Schemes — From the inhabitants whom you & I can recollect and the busy Scenes that we can remember in Chester Town, one would have little expected the depreciation in our time that ~~has~~ you represent to have taken place — it would appear as if the same active Spirit was not practised or is it that the more extended field of action in large Cities have attracted & drawn the characters that would have given Life & energy to the smaller Towns — The Profits of Agriculture are without doubt greatly diminished which formerly made Chester Tn a considerable depot for the reception of grain & of course a Place of Trade — ~~but~~ Baltimore seems now ~~to have~~ to have become the Focus for both the Shores of the Chesapeake — Our Town ~~City~~ feels the Effect of the increase of Baltimore on one hand & New York on the other — Some advantages or rather many Benefits are anticipated from the completion of the Canal between our two Bays and still more if we can effect the great work that is projected to join our Eastern & the Western Waters — the communication between us & Chester Town will ~~the~~ on the opening of the Canal of the Delaware & Chesapeake renew the intercourse of Phila & Chester Tn and bring us nearer together — You were anxious sometime since to have disposed of your Shares in this Stock — if you have not parted with them, you may now have better hopes of seeing them brought into active operation for it is believed that the end of 1827 will afford a Passage between ~~the~~ our two States — whether how ever this will revive the busy Scene of Chester Tn is a question which perhaps you will be better able to determine than I may — This brings back the question of expediency of an early disposal of the little remaining Property we retain in your Neighbourhood ~~Cecil Co~~ — Taking it for granted that your Son Mr I E B at times communicates to you my Letters to him in relation to Subjects of this Kind I some little while ago wrote to him certain views that presented themselves to me on the proposal of Mr Tilden ~~to~~ which without plaguing you now with a repetition of them I will refer and shall be glad again to hear from you in relation to it

I am about now to mention to you another point in which I shall bespeak your indulgence & ask your yet confidential communication to me — There has been a Debt of long standing now of considerable Amount say ~~now~~ with Interest upwards of $2000 due from Mr John Tilghman of Melleville Queen Annes to my late Uncle Chas Ridgely's Estate for which he gave me his Note and has been constantly renewing to me his assurance that it should honorably & justly be paid — By the repeated delays I am become uneasy upon the Subject — My present object is to ask your opinion of his Solidity and whether painful as it is to me and urged as I am by the residuary Legatees, there is occasion for me to press ~~by legal means~~ by proper means the adjustment of the Amount — I am aware of the delicacy of the enquiry but in the freedom existing between us I am persuaded you will excuse the Liberty I assume in asking your Sentiments of his Validity — the personal Connexion existing between his Family and my deceased Relative ~~to induced~~ me to extend every indulgence towards him but the often irksome & unwelcome duties of an Executor

impose upon him embarrassments that are not easily avoided — the miserable delays in respect to the Swan Point incumbrance ~~remain~~ are yet a heavy Burthen upon me — and subject me to the greatest inconvenience — they have been promised to be terminated so often that I am become weary at their continuance

I have to make an apology for so long a letter to you — but it often happens that happened in the present instance that when the pen is taken up, it is led further than was at first intended — I cannot however omit adding my best respects to Mrs B & all your Family and the assurance that I remain

very truly Yr. Frd. & obed. Serv.

To Benjamin Chew Esquire
Philadelphia

favr. of Mr.
Mrs. Harris

Copy to Wm. Barnold Esq. of Phila.
To — 27th April 1826

Wm. Barroll Esq. – Chester

Dr Sir

Phila 8th Decr 1825

Your Favor of the 5th Inst was delivered to me last Evening but found me under no small degree of indisposition under the distressing Effects of a severe Cold which I have unfortunately taken affecting my Head & Breast in such manner as to unfit me for any attempt of replying to you last evening as I otherwise should have done – I should indeed at the present postpone my writing to you, had you not requested my early answer, I am sorry to say to you, my Friend, that the advance of years and my constant witnessing the tottering condition & surrender of Life of so many persons younger than myself exhibit strong indications & warning of the expediency of drawing into narrower compass the Affairs of my present concerns rather than to enter into ~~any~~ arrangements for the extending them, I should very much regret the unfavorable operation of my honest & fair Claims against the Estate of Mr Carvill so far as the Interests of his Children are implicated – but when it is considered that the Debt due to me originated upwards of 25 years ago and that I have extended every indulgence by the receiving of such payments as have been made in dribblets or small sums, I think you will agree with me that it is full time that an end should be made of it and that I cannot reasonably be asked to relinquish the absolute and solid Security I have in the Land for the uncertain and indefinite Claim or Assignment of a Debt that may come into Mr Covington's hands against the Estate of Mr Unit Angier – you have not stated how that Debt is secured or when it may be payable and altho' you are no doubt with reason persuaded that the Debt against Mr Angier's Estate may ultimately be safe yet according to my late experience in question when applied and the general information of the disappointments occurring with very many persons in the Peninsula, the probability is that I should have to go thro' the various operations of Process of a Suit to recover the Money and be subject to all the Laws delay &c I am therefore, according to the Terms proposed, to give up the solid Security I have that Mr Carvill's Estate must soon discharge my Debt, for the accommodation of Mr Covington in the negotiation of his Concerns with Mr Carvill's Estate – Mr Carvill's Estate ~~will~~ may as well take the proposed Assignment from Mr Covington of the Paper of the late Mr Unit Angier in discharge of their Judgmt against Mr Covington and assume the disagreeable office of recovering the Money, as that such unwelcome necessity should be imposed on me, the premium offered of 10 pcent equal to $170 – is no tempting consideration – at the same time, I do not wish to enhance it, trusting that in the active & punctual exercise of the duties of your good Son as Trustee under Chancery, he will soon be enabled to pay to me the balance that is due to me – an additional fact is that in these days of general emergency I want the Money and did persuade myself from my opinion of my Friend your Son's disposition & attention to Business that he would rapidly complete the execution of the Powers vested in him – releasing my present Lien on the Premises contracted for with me by Mr Carvil in the year 1800 – I shall be set afloat to pursue my remedy, at a day not defined, against the Estate of Mr Angier and that not for the accommodation of Mr Carvill's representatives but for the purpose of suspending their proceedings against Mr Covington who is a perfect Stranger to me – In this view therefore in which the Case presents itself I regret that I do not perceive the expediency of the change proposed to me – certain it is that my own convenience would require the early payment of the Money due to me – I take it for granted (and would appeal to you & my Friend your Son James for any information if there exist any circumstances to the contrary) that my Claim & Lien upon the Premises contracted for, must be first in rank & order and necessarily discharged prior to any other Incumbrance or Debt agst the Estate of Mr Carvill – as I have never rec the whole of the Purchase Money & Chancery would not oblige me to convey untill the Covenants of the contracting party were complied – at Law an Ejectmt might long since have been sustained on the non performance of Covenants – I am not aware that there can be any cause or apprehension of a cause for much further Delay on the part of the Trustee appointed under the decree in Chancery – I did understand from my Friend Mr J E Bancroft that the decree of Chancery of Sept 1824 directed the Sale of Mr Carvills Estate prescribing the Terms of Sale to one and two years – The legal Estate of the Land described in the

Articles of Agreem^t entered into by Mr Carvill remained & still remains in me, He had only an equitable Estate in the Premises which only could be sold and which equitable estate I should purchase unless outbid by any Purchaser at an higher Sum than it would be due to me — but which I by no means wish to do to the injury of One Dollar either to the Widow or whoever may be the Representative of Mr Carvill by Will or otherwise — I presume that in the existing circumstances ~~than~~ and as the proceedings stand, there can be no ground for the expectation or apprehension that I am to be brought in to receive a pro rata dividend of the Proceeds of the Estate in common with other Creditors of the Estate, having as I have before stated a right to every priority as regards the Premises originally belonging to me in right of my Wife — the Deed for which will be ready at any moment when the balance of the Purchase Money with Interest may be ~~paid~~ I presume that at this moment an Ejectment might be sustained at Law on my part for the Portion of Land that was the Object of my Contract with Mr Carvill — and if there was any ground to apprehend delay on the part of the Trustee in winding up the Office of his Trust, I should be disposed to institute such a Proceeding, taking it for granted that I have in no manner been made a Party to any of the Chancery Proceedings of which I am in no way apprised — My indulgence and accommodation heretofore extended to the Estate cannot fairly not be now converted to my disadvantage — in short as at present advised the proposition appears to me that I ~~could~~ should be placing myself in the Rank to pursue Mr Angier's Estate for the Amount now seemed due to me ~~due~~ from Mr Carvill's Estate and that to be paid at no fixed day mentioned to me & liable to ~~Objections~~ not now clearly foreseen; for the prospect of the gain of $170 —

Perhaps my good Friend the Case may appear to you (who being on the Scene of Action may more intimately be possessed of circumstances not in my view) under different features than I am aware of — should that be the Case you will be good enough to acquaint me with the particulars — I do not at present perceive any temptation for me to encounter the risque of any change especially as it is considered a Condition that I should convey away the Land on which my Lien rests —

Copy to Wm Barrett 8 Decr 1825

Copy to Wm Barrell - Charles To
30th April 1825 -

Philad.a April 30th 1825.

Dear Sir,

Yesterday towards evening I had the pleasure of receiving yours of the 27th. I was obliged to postpone my reply until I had an opp.y of obtaining information on the subject of your enquiries respecting the Canal shares. I am sorry to have found that the great & spirit lately excited for the promotion of the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal is either abated or that the Community here have their hands full. The result however is that the shares are considerably below the Par Price, insomuch that the last sales here have been at $95 - for the $125 paid in on each share - There yet remain $75 to be paid in on each share of the old stock which of course will be called in by instalments. Being myself a holder in the old as well as the new stock, I confess I am willing to indulge the belief that on the completion of the work (of which I have no doubt) the stock will not only be at Par but will soon be profitable. As a great National object however it deserves the encouragement of almost every individual - And when the Raritan & Delaware Communication is effected, which will be accomplished in a few years, the intercourse on the whole route must increase the prospect of advantage. If you determine upon selling your shares, it will be sufficient for the Office here, if you transfer them by a bill of sale attested & proved or acknowledged before a magistrate & forwarded to the Office or by sending on a power of Attorney to transfer on the books here in the same manner as is done in the Banks.

It is true there seems to prevail at present a Canal Mania - Mountains are not admitted as Obstacles - for such is the enterprise & the fact that if water cannot be carried over the hills, it will be & is carried thro' them by tunnels. One is projected in this state to communicate the waters of the Juniata with the Konemaugh or Kiskeneetas, perforating the Alleghany Mountain upwards of 3 miles - A bold undertaking! The success of the grand work of New York of 363 miles has given a stimulus to efforts which a few years since would have been thought fruitless. The genius of our country is eminently conspicuous in the march of modern improvements. There is only wanting a sufficient extent of resources to supply the means of raising up monuments that would force the admiration of future ages. It may be said perhaps that knowing our limited means we are aiming at too great a scale in rival operations of the different states - Yet in the case of the Chesapeake & Del.a Communication it

it is greatly to be lamented that a ship channel should not have been at once effected — Sed haec procul upon this topic.

As to yr. enquiries about the lines of the land sold by me to Mr. Thos. Carvile, in a former letter I mentioned that in a survey I had made in June 1792 of the Farm then in the tenure of John Burke (held by me in right of Mrs. Chew) to ascertain & fix with the concurrence of all my neighbours the lines of the said Farm, I was at much pains & expence in collecting the certificates of my own & the adjoining tracts which were exhibited, considered & given to the two surveyors employed & who were approved by the different interests. They were Simon Wicks & John Freeman. From these certificates the surveyors took their courses. I believe there were not less than 12 in number including the surveyors that were collected & attended the survey, & stakes or stones were fixed as corners. I have no doubt that the ~~stakes~~ notes taken on the occasion by Mr. Wicks & Mr. Freeman will readily be found among their papers. A draft or plot of the survey was to be made, but as I sold the premises to Mr. Carvile, it lay with him to attend to it, & I cannot say whether such a draft or plot was completed. It would greatly facilitate your son's operations if he could obtain the notes of one or both of the gentlemen I have mentioned. I have retained copies of the certificates that were produced. If they will be of any use to you, I will furnish them at any time. I cannot however but persuade myself that Mr. Carvile must have obtained from Mr. Freeman, who was in some way connected with the Carvile family, a full statement of his operations, as it was of great importance to Mr. Carvile to have his lines made permanent, as they would have been if I had retained the land in my hands. Some exception was taken not long after the survey by old Mr. Tilden to the survey extending thro' some uninclosed woodland down to & running with a branch according to the terms of the original certificate or survey. This question was agreed to be adjusted between Mr. Tilden & myself by a reference to Lt. Lloyd & Col. B. Chambers. Lt. Lloyd declined serving & nothing was done under the reference. An

An opinion taken from Mr. Hands, now in my possession, would have easily settled the point. A like reference was entered into between James Ringgold & myself in relation to a part of the Tract called The Plains, and an award was made in writing signed by Mr. Hands & Col. B. Chambers settling the limits or lines between us and a draft was accordingly made by Mr. Wicks of this part of the Tract called The Plains. This draft I have. If Mr. Carvile should have neglected the establishing his lines when it might so easily have been done when the business was fresh & well understood by the parties then living, it will leave a troublesome & expensive task to your son to enter upon the complicated survey of all the different tracts involved with Mr. Carvile's Estate. The Farm, for instance, which I sold was made up of parts of the Tracts of Poplar Farm Queen Charleton & The Plains. I do not recollect the name of the principal tract owned by Mr. Carvile but I know he purchased a part of land held by James Ringgold. He held also part of the tract called The Plains, as I did. The line or lines between Mr. Ringgold & myself were as I have stated settled by the award of Mr. Hands & Col. Chambers. The result of which was that my fence was to be moved further out than where it stood at the time of the survey, which survey also gave me a piece upon what had been held by Mr. Carvile — but whether Mr. T. Carvile ever moved the fence or not after his purchase from me, I do not know. In that as I stated to you in a former letter, after my sale to Mr. Carvile, I do not recollect were to have been on the premises, and I do not know what arrangement or Division of the fields &c was made by Mr. Carvile. The outer lines of his possession I presume are well known & I should presume it would be sufficient for your son to ascertain & run by those outer lines.

I have this day rec.d a Letter from your son Mr. J. E. Bassett by the hands of a Mr. Dowling informing me that Mr. Kennard of your T. was desirous of knowing the Price at which I would sell the house & Lot some time since occupied by Mr. Tate — I shall thank you to mention to him my Ld. of this Letter and I shall further thank you to converse & consult with him what Price I ought to fix upon for the Property — for in truth I do not feel quite competent to rate its Value — it at present brings but a low Rent & some Repairs are often taken from that Rent. I shall be obliged to you to advise me of your opinion of the expediency of selling the Tenement and of the Amount which you think I ought to demand for it — from this I shall be able to form my own Opinion —

With Mr. C's & my best respects to Mrs. Bassett I remain
very truly Yr. Ob. Servt.

Wm Bansll Esq Chester Co Philad 11th March 1825

Dr Sir

It is an agreeable thing to me to embrace any occasion that tends to keep alive that intercourse which, when you were more in Business than you are now called upon to exercise, was more frequent than now occurs between us — I trust & hope however our mutual Friendship & Esteem is not on that account diminished

Your Son Mr J E Bansll has written to me a Letter of the 1st Inst which I have this Day rec in which he has mentd your request that I wd send you a Copy of Mr Thos Carvill's Contract with me for the Purchase of the Land agreed ~~by me to sell~~ to be sold to him on the performance of certain Covents on Part of Mr Carvill, which your Son mentions ~~that~~ agreed you wish to have for the purpose of a Guide on the Survey of some of Mr Carvill's Lands which will shortly be offered for Sale for the payment of his Debts —

The Articles of Agreemt between Mr Carvill & myself are dated 23 Sept 1800 and are in general Terms that is to say upon Mr Carvill's payment of a certain Amount of Money by different Instalments with Interest, I bind myself my heirs &c to convey to Thos Carvill &c "my own & my Wife's Right Title Estate & Interest of in & to all that Farm Plantation & Tract "of Land situate in Kent County composed of Parts of different Tracts known by the Name of Queen "Charlton The Plains & Poplar Farm which is now in the Tenure of Francis Lamb being held "possessed & enjoyed by the sd Bolhen in the Right of his Wife Catherine together with all "and every the appurtenances to the sd Tract of Farm belonging" — Provision is then made after reciting that Francis Lamb had a Lease on the Premises which expired on the 1st of day next succeeding the date of the Articles of Agreemt, the full possession of the Premises was to be taken by Mr Carvill on the day following the expiration of the Lease to Francis Lamb — There being no courses or Distances or particular meets & bounds mentioned in the Articles of Agreemt I have not considered it worth while to send an entire Copy of the Articles — but will do it if it is particularly wished — The reason of this being only a general Description of the Premises expressed in the Deeds referred to, was that the Party may well known to Mr Carvill as appears by his Plans & Plantation & that there had been but a few years before a Survey made with the Privity & Concurrence of almost all the neighbours for the purpose of ascertaining the Lines & bounds of the Land held by me in right of my Wife — This Survey was made by Mr Wickes & Isaac Freeman by whom it seemed to be by the general agreement that the lines should be run all round the latter of whom I believe was connected with the Carvill Family — finding that my Fence between Mr Carvill & my Field was to be moved some distance over into Mr Carvill's Field, and that nothing intervened with respect to the Land, I suspect first gave rise to the Idea of Mr Carvill's Purchase of me for a gross Sum — Whether Mr Carvill ever got a draft of the Survey from Mr Freeman or Mr Wickes I cannot say — I do not find such among my Papers — The Survey being so well understood & known at that time & the Lines ~~were fixed~~ by the two Surveyors ~~except a little objection on part of Thos Carvill entering into a Treaty for changing~~ all these Circumstances acceded to by the Neighbours, and Mr Carvill shortly afterwards becoming the Purchaser, I had occasion no further to interfere and have never seen the Place since ~~that I can recollect~~ except at a distance according to my present recollection — If there should be occasion for any Papers or information that I can give, both shall be at your Service —

With my best respects to Mrs Bansll in which Mrs Shaw begs to be united & due Regards towards all your Family I remain very truly Your Obedt Servt

Copy to Wm Barrett Esq. Chester Co
11 March 1825.

informing him at his request of the
articles of agreemt between me and
Thos Carrell —

Copy of Letter to Barrett Chester Co
11 March 1825

Wm Barroll Esq

Philad. 21. June 1823

Dr Sir

In consequence of information that ~~I was~~ had yesterday been given to me from Baltimore I hope you will excuse the trouble I am about to ask of you in a Case that requires some accuracy — My Ld B. Howard who has had the direction of a Suit against Mr & Mrs A. T. Jones to recover the Money charged upon the Swan Point Estate by the will of my dec.d Relative S. Shewell Esq. acquaints me of the death of Mrs Jones (late Miss Holliday) & altho she had several Children he understands they are also all dead — this is the first intelligence I have rec.d of the event, in which I truly sympathise with the Family

My object is to learn from you the particulars of such circumst.s whether the Children are all dead or whether ~~the~~ any are yet remaining & if so, the name of the Survivor or Survivors — if there should be no Child or Children surviving the Mother, then to whom the inheritance of the Estate of Swan Point has descended after the Life of Mrs Jones — Perhaps there may have been some provision made by a marriage Settlement or otherwise — whether any such was entered into, I have never been informed — it becomes however important at the present period when a final decree of the Chancellor was on the point of being obtained, that whoever may be now heirs to the Estate shd be summoned to appear and make defence to the Suit, if ~~such~~ any such defence they have, before a Decree may be obtained — the conclusion of which has become of a very serious consequence to the residuary Legatees of my Uncle's Estate —

I shall be very much obliged to you to furnish me with such information as may be in your power to ~~ascertain~~ in respect of the above enquiries — any expence attending your investigation I shall with many thanks to you immd.y remit to you — I have to crave your excuse for my making my present application to you but I have so frequently had proofs of your friendly services rendered on different occasions that I persuade my self you will allow my further trespassing upon you —

with my respectful compts to Mrs Barroll & to your Sons I remain

very truly Yrs Ld Ashburton

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Copy to W Barrell on Business
of Ext.r of S Chew – 21st June 1823

William Barroll ~~or Jas Barroll Esq~~

Dr Sir

Philad 29th May 1822

Having written to you on the 3d Inst as well as a few days previous to that day on the interesting State of Mr Gilbert's last application & Proposals communicated to you I was in hopes I shd have had the pleasure of hearing from you that this troublesome Business had been brd to some conclusion respecting which I have had the greater anxiety as I wrote to you fully of the application that had been made to me on behalf of Capt Kirby. Having been in Baltimore from the 14th to the 17th to attend the Marriage of my Son Henry to a very charming Daughter of Genl Ridgely's I had the pleasure of meeting your Son Wm who informed me of his expecting you and then very soon Mr Barroll on that shore on a visit for a few days – I should have been glad that it had so happened while I remained in that City, to have seen you would have been an inducement to me to prolong my stay there but I was obliged early to return home on account of the continued indisposition of my valued Daughter – the weather & a prevalence of eastwardly winds preventing her taking the benefit of riding she has ~~suffered~~ lately felt the Effects of her Confinement but today a more favorable Turn has allowed us to indulge the hope of better Prospects – infinite Intent & Solicitude are still attendant on all her Symptoms.

Doubtful whether you may be yet returned to Chester Co I shall take the Liberty of directing this Letter to you or my Friend your Son Mr Jas Barroll, being anxious to learn if any progress is made towards a Conclusion with Mr Gilbert – Should this be opened by you my good Friend Mr Jas Barroll, may I ask the Favor of you to give me a line on the Subject to acquaint me if any thing has been done or is likely to be done ~~with the Gentleman~~ with the good Gentleman – I had a Letter from Mr Parker of the Head of Chester towards the end of last more than 2 weeks ago which I wished to have answered in more particular terms relating to this Subject which I have not have had an opp of doing untill I shd hear from you – you will excuse me therefore in expressing a request that you wd do me the favor of permitting me to hear from you –

With much Regard I remain
Your Hble Servt

Copy to W Barrett 29th May
1822.

W Barnell - Chester Co

Dr Sir

Phila 3d May 1822

Your Lad. of the inside date of the 30th ult. bent with y post mark from Chester Co. of y 2d May has reached me with the Letters by y South Mail of this morng - you will have perceived from a Lee I addressed to you which you will have rec on Tuesday or Wednesday y the ground for Mr Gilbert's change of Sentiment & the probable reason for his making a further applicat to you - anticipating as I stated in my Letter such application, I also anticipated almost every thing that is now necess for me to remark in answ to your Letter now before me concerng as I then did & do now with you in the expediency of getting rid of but closely and firmly fixing in strong ties to prevent elusion or escape, the Gentlemen that has evinced his disposition to give us every trouble - you mention particularly your idea that it wd be advisable on obtaining y Security for the $2000 with the Interest from 1st Jany last that I should "give up my Interest in the Mill Property" - you will find that I have expressed the same opinion to you - but I am persuaded that Mr Gilbert will come in at the last to claim it as his understanding that he is to have a general Release - limited as you have expressed the terms, to my relinquishg the Mill property, I have no hesitation in approving such proposal and it will then remain for you & your Son to determine upon the ulterior measures that were contemplated between us when I was at Chester but even in this respect as I have stated in my Letter which you will have rec very soon after the date of your Lre, such is my confidence in the kindness & good disposition of yourself & your Son towards me, that after the interchange of all our views when lately we were together on this Subject I shall be perfectly satisfied with any arrangement you may make as most conducive to my Interest

I wd however take the Liberty to suggest y expediency of the assignmt of the whole mortgage being made to me for the Security of the Sum to be rec to me rather than that I shd be left to seek the money from either of y parties referred to when they shd have recovered the Amt necessarily at the same time deducting all the expences of prosecuting any Suit that may be brot - I wd further suggest that it wd be but equitable that I shd be reimbursed all the expences I have been put to in being obliged to follow Mr Gilbert in all his maneuvres -

We have at least one anchor to the windward in the disposition of Mr Kirby to purchase provided Mr Gilbert may not be successful and to defeat our expectation by intimidating the Capt. especially in withholding the prospect to the utmost ~~limit~~ extent of the Proceeds of an Ejectm

Mrs C. is thankful to Mrs B for her friendly recollection towards her & reciprocates her best wishes - I beg to add mine with much respect I remain

very truly y Ob Servt & obliged Servt

Copy to Wm Barnole - 3d May 1822

Wm. Barroll Esq
Dear Sir

Philad.a 31st May 1826 -

I recd in course your favor of the 23d informing me of your having obtained a fiat ~~on~~ the Leiga. agst. Mr R Frisby & a Judgt. agst. his Securities on the Appeal Bond and that you had acquainted the Presid.t of the City Bank of Baltim.e of the proceeding - it will be a little strange if that Bank should not have it in their power to advance & pay off my prior Lien on Mr Frisby's Property mortgaged to them to save their own larger Debt or having it in their power should hesitate to secure the Property to themselves - if it should be necessary ~~to~~ on my part to proceed to a Sale, no improper hardship can be imputed to me agst. Mr Frisby personally as I understand that the claim of the City Bank of Baltim.e is so large as to leave very little probability of Mr Frisby's being able to redeem the ~~Property~~ Estate in Kent Co. from the incumbrance under which it stands charged - I have therefore no hesitation to direct that as early a Sale should be made as the nature of the proceedings will admit - ~~(as~~ I am much inconvenienced for the Want of the Money which ought to have been paid to me so many years since - at the same time I would take the Liberty to instruct you that if a very unexpected ~~or extraord~~ inadequate sacrifice ~~of the~~ should be the case of which I certainly do not wish ~~a sacrifice should be made~~ of such part of the Land as should be exposed to Sale ~~should be made~~ meaning ~~to~~ to take no undue ~~ad~~ or illiberal advantage of the occasion I see no reason why on a fair open bidding I may not become the Purchaser ~~as~~ as well as ~~any other~~ Stranger - if it were in the Power of any Friend of Mr Frisby to purchase the Property for the benefit ~~of the~~ of his Children who could ~~pay~~ without delay discharge ~~any~~ some Debt, I certainly would not interfere - if the personal Property meaning the black People should be first set up for Sale I should not wish to have any thing to do with them distinct from the Land - You will therefore be good enough to take the earliest measures to bring this Business to a Close - ~~I take the~~ apprising me whenever a Sale should be advertised or intended to be held I wrote to Mr John L Nowland Son of the late Jas L Nowland as I believe I mentd to you & have rec.d ~~a~~ a Letter from him requesting further time but the amt. of the obligation being considerable I must request you or your Son without delay to proceed upon the Bond and of course Mr J. T. Veazey will be included. I very much regret the occasion but further pressed by the Residuary Legatees of my late Uncle S.C. I shall be obliged to proceed agst. the Estate of the late Mr Thos Smyth for the bal.e of my Debt due ~~on~~ on the Mortgage to S.C. - I shall write once more to ~~Dr~~ Dr. Wilson for the Subject - Shall the Business go into your hands or wd you wish it placed in the hands of your Son? - will it be necessary under your Laws or Practice for me as Exec.r of S.C. to make ~~I also enclose herewith a Bond given to me by the late John Mason of~~ ~~Lapsapeake~~ a probate on the Mortgage - there was no Bond taken at the time of the Mortgage but a Covenant at the close of the Mortgage of Mr Smyth that he wd pay or cause to be paid to S. Chew his Exec.r the Consideration Money viz £751.5.5 for which the Mortgage was given - the Mortgage is recorded in Kent Co. Records in Lib E.T. No 7 page 488 - The Interest due on the Mortgage was liquidated between Mr Smyth & S. Chew to the 18 Sept.r 1806 & a Bond then given by Mr Smyth to S. Chew for the ~~Amount~~ Amount then liquidated viz £312.7.4 to the discharge of which as well as the Interest accruing on the Mortgage I have applied sundry payments made to me by Mr Smyth in his Life time & in part of the Principal

leaving

leaving a Balance of Principal due on the Mortgage on the 27 Nov 1813 of £427.15.7 which I notified to Dr Wilson by letter of 19 May 1820 – Dr Wilson on the 28 May 1820 by letter stated that he regretted that it was not immediate in his power to liquidate the Claim but would do it at "as early a period as circumstances would admit of". my own inclination would be to extend a further accommodation on the discharge of the Interest but placed as I am as Executor I am unpleasantly situated, some of the Legatees requiring the payment of the Money coming to them – I have therefore no alternative in the discharge of my duty pressed upon me altho I am unaware of any proceeding upon the Mortgage subjecting the Estate of Mr Smyth to an expence I could wish to avoid – it would be a very acceptable thing if Dr Wilson could borrow the Amt either to discharge the balance due on the Mortgage or obtain the sum required on an assignmt. of 50 good a Mortgage – the whole Amt Principal & Interest due on the 27 of last month I make but 30 cents less than $1700 – it wd be much more agreable to me if the Debt could be settled in this way

with much regard I remain very truly Yrs & obt Servt

BC

Copy to Wm Barroll Chester Co
31 May 1825 –
enclosing the Bond of J. & L. Nauland
with Probate &c.

Philad 14 July 1825

Dr Sir

Having written to you on the 31 of May and having occasion as you had previously recommended it, to send to you the Bond of the late Dr Jas L Nauland with a Probate of the same, I was induced ~~to take advantage of an opportunity~~ direct to Baltimore to avoid a heavy postage to send the same under cover to my Nephew B C Howard Esq with the request that he wd deliver it to your Brother that he might forward it to you by a safe conveyance – Mr Howard wrote to me that he had placed the Packet in your Brother's hands who expected to forward it the day following ~~[illegible]~~ Not having since heard from you you will permit

W Barnell Esq

Dr Sir

Philad.a 18 May 1821

I have for the first time in an accidental conversn. with a Gent.n from the neighbourhood of Leo to this city been informed of the death of Dr Jas. Rowland who perhaps you may recollect, in Feby 1820, you kindly considered as a safe man to be relied upon – being also informed that Mr John H. Rowland of Leo to Crop Roads was either Exec.r or Adm.r to his Father's Estate I have written to go by the same Mail that conveys this to you a Letter to him to apprise him of my having his Fathers Obligation – I am however apprehensive that according to the ~~[illegible]~~ custom in these times, the old Gent.n may have died ~~[illegible]~~ with other embarrassments ~~[illegible]~~ besides ~~my~~ his Debt to me – I therefore as this Subject has already been under your notice take the Freedom to send you a Copy of Mr Rowlands obligation to me, presuming it would be expedient without delay ~~to commence~~ cause for you or your Son on my behalf to institute a Suit to recover or secure the Debt – I trust & hope no loss will be sustained as I have of late ~~sustained~~ suffered some abridgement of this sort and therefore am anxious that no delay may be incurred in securing an early claim upon the Estate

It has been at a late hour that I have recd the inform.n & having other Letters to attend to I am obliged rather hastily to conclude with presenting my best Respects to Mrs B & all your Family ~~[illegible]~~ and remaining with much regard

Your Ob.t Hble Serv.t

If the original Bond is necessary to be sent you with any probate upon it I will at any time forward it to you

Copy to Wm Barrett Esq
Charlestn 18 May 1821.

Dear Sir

Phila Monday 11 Decr 1820

The Post of ~~today~~ this morning has deliv me your favor, dated on the 6th & forwarded from Chester on the 8th brot up I presume by the Mail that may have arrived yesterday (being Sunday) on which day the ~~Post~~ Office does not deliver Letters unless sent for at certain hours - I was prevented therefore ~~after~~ the earliest acknowledging the receipt of it with its enclosure of your Acct. ~~together~~ accompanied with $150 in two Baltimore Notes and $10 in US Branch Note say $160 -

It always gives me pleasure to hear of you & from you abstracted from Business - some time has elapsed since I had the latter gratification which has rendered your present Letter the more acceptable - I should have been glad ~~that~~ you could have mentioned the good health of yourself & your Family which I trust has been preserved during the general Complaint which we have understood prevailed in many parts of the Eastern Shore - while remaining at my Country house at Germant my Family were ~~in great enjoyment~~ greatly favored without complaint but immt on removing to Town several were subjected to the general influenza from which Mr Chew has suffered severely and my youngest child - thank God both are convalescent and a few days I trust will fully restore them -

I am obliged to you ~~for~~ your Son for the care of the concerns you have been good enough to superintend on my behalf. The Case of Mr Keiby I was in hopes would have been by this time brot to a Judgment on the Lec for Debt - but he has not been yet sent up. The Collection of Money has become so extremely difficult that I shall be obliged to press this object as earnestly as your Law will admit - I hope it may be convenient to you or your Son to collect what monies may be under his notice from the very few Tenants & others that may be in Debt to me - I think you mentioned some time ago that Mrs Skinner would owe $30. for one of my Boys in Sept last - it will be useful not to let the year run over - in looking over your account I do not perceive the $11.13 too which you mentioned as having rec of Mr Keiby in connection of an Error that was represented to him in ~~his~~ Calculation of Interest for the Acct. exhibited - ~~a circumstance which~~ I am sure you will excuse my making mention of this which is done merely that I may be regular in my Books - I was in hopes that Mr Covington's Payment would have been more prompt - Have you done any thing on the assigned Note of Mr A. T. Jones - I regret to say that from his entire disregard of all my applications to him I have been constrained in discharge of my Duty as Execr to institute a Suit in Chancery against him - I am ashamed again to enquire if any thing has been done with my Negro Man Thos Murray or whether he has been hired out & to whom

Copy to Wm Barnell 11 Dec 1820

W Barroll –

Phil.a 29. Jan.y 1820

Dear Sir I am to apologise to you for not immed.y answering your favor of last month enclosing $15. which duly came to hand – Being at that period for some more very interestingly occupied in a constant attendance upon a favorite Sister who continued for some time extremely ill, the truth is, the attention escaped me – the rest of the Letter contained only matter of information in reply to an enquiry I had previously made respecting the case of Mr Tristy and therefore required no specific answer – I much regret however my omission to acknowledge the rec.t of the $15. and trust that the cause I have assigned will secure my apology – The precarious State of my Sister altho' she is at present in much better condition than she has been will for some time at least preclude the idea of my being so long absent as I must necessarily be in the different Business that will engage me on my next visit to Maryland – indeed without my consideration the present season is so unusually severe as it has been and from the heavy Snows that cover our Country is likely to be would render a journey from home very distressing and I grieve to say that my advance in years does not increase my energies a fondness for such undertakings, added to which the Business of my own and the families depend ant upon my constant attention leave me very little opp.y of moving beyond certain Limits – the Spring however shall not much advance before I will promise to present myself to you – I have before said to you that having so good a Friend on the Spot who so kindly aided & officiated for me as well as I could myself have done left me under no anxiety in the persuasion that almost every object was effectually regarded and rendered my personal visits of no importance – your extensive occupation in matters of nearer interest occasioning my concerns to be inconvenient to you I was gratified in finding a Friend in your Son who was disposed to relieve you from that which encroached too much upon your time – I have received his Letter informing me of the Business which you had handed over to him on my account and shall write to him by the next mail, understanding from him you that you would yourself still retain the conducting the Business with Mr Tristy under your own attention to the Conclusion of it – I much lament that any circumstances should have occasioned a change in that liberal reciprocity of good disposition that was so often professed by him for the accommodation which I was in the habit of rendering to him – it proves the adage that in money concerns a Man forgets the punctuality and regard due to his Friend – I beg always to be remembered with great respect to Mr Barroll & remain with much regard

Yr obed.t Sh.t

Copy to W Barroll – 29. Jany 1826

Wm. Barrott Esq
Jr

Philad. 26. Jany 1820

I had ~~by~~ Monday the pleasure of receiving your favor with $170 — Baltimore Bk Notes enclosed with your Acct. — at the same time that I very much regret, ~~I am not the less sensible of my obligation to you~~ that you should have had so much trouble in directing the repair of our unprofitable houses in Chester town, and am perfectly persuaded of the correctness as well as the necessity of the disbursements you have made — you will please to accept of my warmest thanks for your friendly attention to the Subject — Altho' I am aware of the intrusion upon your time, I feel that I have run into the practice too generally experienced that ~~succeeding in obtaining~~ intending to obtain certain limited Acts of kindness on succeeding in these we are apt to impose much further than was originally contemplated and am conscious that I have trespassed upon you in this respect and should be much gratified in any opply that might be afforded of reciprocating to you the ~~kindness~~ good offices I have received —

It will give me pleasure to learn that you have heard acceptably from Mr Finley and that you may have received from him the Authority you have recommended to be transmitted to you but having in several instances ~~been~~ met with such extraordinary disappointments ~~in money transactions~~ & repeated delays & Returns from those who but a little time since ~~acknowledged the most important~~ made the deepest obligations ~~to me~~ and entered into the strongest assurances to me, I shall not be surprised at an attempt further to delay the proposition Mr F recently made to you and that both you & myself may be left to take our own course — I have therefore to request that your ensuing March Court may not pass unnoticed for our proceeding in his Case — I am ~~placed~~ unpleasantly situated in respect to another Case — ~~By~~ a correspondence of much ~~Bodily~~ Civility on both sides I have ~~passed some~~ three different Letters to Mr Arthur T. Jones soliciting his attention to the payment of the monies due ~~to~~ the Lucan point Estate to the Estate of Saml Chew on which there is ~~due~~ for Int alone not far short of $1700 — My Letters were of 27 Sept 19 Oct & 4 Nov — to neither of these have I received the least Notice — I ~~feel myself obliged therefore to make one more effort to maintain a word~~ ~~of honor~~ a neglect which would justify my making no further application — the connection however with a family that was an Object of Regard with my deceased relation as well as other weighty reasons induced me to make one further effort to ~~engage~~ avoid the appearance of ~~any unfriendly feeling~~ an unfriendly disposition or any want of Respect to Mr Jones or any part of her Family — in order to ensure the safe Conveyance of my Letter I take the Liberty of enclosing it to your Care which after perusing the Contents I shall be obliged to you to seal and forward for me in such way as that Mr Jones may receive it

~~Not having~~ On revising your last Letter but one viz that dated 24 Nov ~~last~~ in which you mention that a certain Note given by Benj Goodwin Nick Thomas does not appear on the List I left with you which ~~in my opinion was omitted~~ Not having retained a Copy of my answer to that Letter I really forget whether I mentioned to you that that Note is ~~mentioned by you~~ noticed by you to be in your Posn in a List ~~drawn~~ delivered to me in your own hand writing on the 28 Feby 1809 it was originally given to Rachel Dudley & assigned by her to Geo Thomas & by him assigned to me it was dated 6 Apl 1808 for $25.80 on which a Credit was indorsed ~~of $4~~ on 20 Dec 1808 of $4.25 — I have ~~my face burning under my veil~~ ~~if I have been satisfied~~ if I have troubled you with this Notice you will excuse my now repeating it — (in my answer to yours of the 24 Nov last)

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Copy to Wm Barrett 26. Jan.y 1820

Wm Barroll Esq

Dr Sir

Philad 18 Octo 1819

I had the pleasure of receiving your favor by Wm Scott Esq with its enclosure of $150 - in Baltimo Notes and have delayed acknowledging its receipt a little longer than I otherwise should have done as you expressly in your Letter that you should again soon write further fully by the mail as you had but just heard of Mr Scott's intention of visiting Philad, meaning in the expectation of again hearing from you to have saved to you & myself the trouble of my making one reply to both Letters - Not having received your further expected favor, I cannot postpone acknowledging the receipt of the Money you enclosed

Having as I wrote to you last month addressed a Letter to R. Frisby which not being answered in course led me to repeat my Application I have since received from him that kind of indefinite expectation as to induce me from what I have also heard in other ways, to be particularly anxious to learn from you whether the Judgment you obtained against him sometime ago at my suit has been kept alive by continuance thereof as to place me on a secure footing if I should find it necessary to proceed in the disagreeable altho' sometimes necessary course of the Courts - the many demands upon me require me very reluctantly yet unavoidably to call upon those from whom money has long been due to me - understanding that Mr Frisby's engagements have been extensive, some incumbrances plaged on record against him I am apprehensive that any further delay indulgence will be of as little avail as that which I have for ten years shewn him and in effect that I should ultimately be driven to measures which I should wish to avoid - if such is my prospect I may as well enter the List and incur the unpleasantness first as last - if I stand firm & firmly secured I shall previously to any further proceeding give him timely notice of urging him to relieve me from the painful Task of enforcing the requests I have so often repeated to him -

As you have requested the Statement of the Debt due from Major Smith I now annex it for his examination -

/here inserted the Statement which see Copy/

Tuesday Morng 19 Octo

While writing the 4th line from the bottom of the above Statement to forward by the Mail of this morng, I rec'd your fav. left at my door I presume as indorsed by the Revd Mr Turner which perhaps will have superseded part of what I have written on the preceding page as respects Mr Frisby - you mention that Mr F informed you that in the course of last year he had P to Col Howard for me about $1400 - he is mistaken in such recollection - I sum he P to Col Howard by appointment made by himself was in May of last year $1000 - in June 1817 he remitted to me $400 - before which he made no payment subsequent to Nov 1815 - without the delay of recurring to my Letters, my impression has been that it rested under your care to preserve & maintain the Judgment against Mr Frisby until you were told informed of the Debtor being P - At the time you refer to in 1815 when Mr Frisby offered to pay a certain Amt in Baltimo Paper, it was at a discount that I did not think proper to be thrown on me - I wrote to him to that Effect - that amt however was only for the Arrear of Interest which was of 6 years standing and not any part of the Principal which remains yet very considerable say without recurring to acct £1000 upwards - I take it for granted that altho' you mention the Judgment to be out of date, you mean only that it has been kept alive by continuances, yet I trust & hope that it is not so out of date but that the lien still attaches & that his Property is still liable to my Judgment in preference to any

subsequent liens – in such case I must request you without delay to receive that Judgmt as I understand that Mr T. has given a Mortgage upon his Property for a heavy sum and without the influence of an impending Execution I fear I have little prospect of obtaining my money which is becoming very necessary to me – As I am called upon, I must call on others – for the Piastres flow not in my way more than with others – I shall be obliged therefore to press Mr Tribby's paymt as well as that of others – the Paymt of Phabe Hulls Debt for which Mr Tribby was Security stands in my Books precisely as you have stated it – As to the Security given by Mr Tribby on his Appeal to the Court of Appeals you will judge of the Course to which it may be expedient to apply – perhaps it may be well to effect the Security of both. I shall however with full reliance refer to your better information to adopt the speediest Measure at the same time the most secure to obtain the payment of the Debt – As you mention that all the Debts under your care are collected that can be, permit me to trouble you to inform the result of the following Notes viz – W. Lapell & W. Morrison's – Wm Morrison & W. Lapell – Hester Ann Crouch & W. Lapell – B. Gooding & Richard Thomas –

I rejoice to hear of the general health of your Neighbourhood & of your Family in particular. The calamitous visitation & alarm of the Fever in a part of Baltimore has excited the sincerest sympathy – it is ardently hoped that the late Frosts & cool Weather however fatal to the sick will dribel the fearful disease as has heretofore been experienced in the like case in other places in many parts of our State the County has been very much afflicted with Sickness – Our City however has been peculiarly favored notwithstanding the short season that occurred in the early part of the Season. I have very sincerely to thank you for Yr friendly invitation to Cheltenham which it is my intention to effect if practicable with the many engagements that occupy me more especially since the death of my Mother – with great regard I remain &c

Copy to W. Barrett 18 Oct 1819

Philad^a 27^d Septr 1819

William Barroll Esq
Dr Sir

I fear the length of my last letter may have discouraged your again writing to me after the receipt of it; or that you may have been prevented by ill health under which you were afflicted last winter. I feel an interest therefore in enquiring about you, hoping however that you and your neighbourhood have escaped all the diseases of the season that have been floating in so many different places. The extraordinary heat accompanied with the extraordinary drought that we have experienced has produced an extraordinary state as well in many parts of the Country as in several of our cities. A slight alarm that was excited in Philad^a early in the season frightened the Police into a vigilance and active attention that probably has preserved our city from the fatal effects that have been experienced in the crowded parts of the population of N York & Baltimore. Happily for both these cities the evil has been confined to a narrow district and still more happy that the malignant cases when removed to a different atmosphere have not communicated their influence to others. I trust that the penetrating effects of the late equinoctial will have purified and carried off the baneful Miasmata that gave rise to the fever — in many parts of the country there has been much of dysentery and other disorders to add to the distress of the failure of the Fall crops and the difficulties of the times. Never has there been known such an embarrassment from the want of Money and of course a very general failure of credit. This brings me to an anxious enquiry whether there is any prospect of winding up in the course of this Fall the different concerns that I have been fortunate enough to place under your notice. I took the liberty some time ago of enquiring of you if there was any prospect of getting any thing from Major Smith on whose land I have a Mortgage and on which I have received no payment for 11 years past, although it may appear harsh to take advantage of these times yet the debt has so accumulated that unless some payment is shortly made I shall have no alternative but to proceed against him. Will it be convenient to you without giving you too much trouble to obtain some information about him he lives not far from your Fancy plantation and nearly adjoining the Farm that is in the occupation of Jos. Middleton whose accounts are getting very much behind hand. I shall thank you also to acquaint me who are the executors or administrators of the estate of the late Thomas Smyth of Eastern Neck whose ballance on his Mortgage to the Estate of Saml Chew I am very desirous to obtain in short I am very solicitous of winding up that concern & hope in the course of this Fall or early part of the Winter to exhibit my administration account of that concern the delay of which although it has been unavoidable by me, has occasioned me, vast anxiety — the payments to the residuary legatees I have carefully kept up but they are now desirous that the accounts should be collected and the whole closed yet I know not how it is to be accomplished at this period of universal pressure — that very pressure however affords the strong ground to those interested in S. Chew's estate to call for the amount coming to them. In my own concern I trust that something handsome may be looked for this fall from the Bonds which Mr Carroll placed in your hands to be applied to me, in short from the scanty supplies I can obtain near home, I am obliged to pick up every dollar I may have a right to call for elsewhere — Having frequently written to Mr Foxley and as often as I have heard from him received the fairest promises, I have once

more addressed a letter to him. I trust that the judgment you obtained against him has been kept alive and in a train that process may be issued in case of necessity. Has his note as security with Phebe Hull ever been asked or how does it stand on your Books - in Nov 1812 I received from you $20 on this acct. the amount is yet open with me. Were also is there any prospect of recovering any thing of the Estate of Geo D Forman for the debt originally due from him for the further security of which I believe the bond was taken from Wm. J Forman who died either at New Orleans or at Natchez this is a stale business but it rests upon my mind that you had adopted or were about to adopt some measure by which some part of the debt might be secured - Were I to proceed further I fear I should fall into the same error of inclosing you with an equally long letter with that I have referred to in the commencement of this I will therefore for the present stop my pen except to convey best respects to Mrs B. and to assure you that I remain &c

Copy to Wm Barrell 27 Sept 1819

extend to the Case where Negroes are hired out by their owners or prevent the continuance of such practice it never was my intention that Master Tom Murray should be left at Liberty to hire about for any Term exceeding a year it is true I once gave him a Pass allowing him to procure a place agreeable to his own Choice himself but it was in the full expectation of myself ~~and you as my Agent~~ that he continued as usual in the employ of Morgan Sleigier who contracted to pay Wages for him and who would strictly be accountable ~~for~~ with accountable for him and for the Wages of the present year as he gave you no Notice of surrendering or giving him up — Mr Houston himself would be accountable some for the Wages which he has paid to Tom as hiring a Runaway for he ought to have enquired somewhat more particularly on hiring a black man than depending merely on his representing himself as a Freeman he would have found without the least difficulty to whom the Man had belonged and ~~also~~ must have known as it was a matter of general notoriety that you had kindly officiated as my agent in Kent Co, ~~when~~ being ~~in~~ close in his Neighbourhood he might have obtained every information from you — altho' I would by no means ask of you the Trouble of ~~yourself~~ personally attending to a Business of this Sort, perhaps you can employ or deputate some person to make an immediate arrangement for the hiring out Master Thomas for the remainder of the present year for such Wages as may be readily obtained — I have also a Woman named Seeny whose Situation Phillis will be able to give information of, that ought in the like manner to be engaged or disposed of hire altogether if he is disposed to give me trouble the letter will be the better reason. I fear no body would purchase her in Service — the Children of Phillis, and perhaps you will smile when I acknowledge that I do not know how many there are of them, as I mentioned in my Last Letter to you that is missing, ought to be placed out for a Term with some Person who will properly instruct and take care of them — I would not wish to separate them or would be willing to dispose of them yet I shall have no occasion for them — Mr Skinner I think has two of them under an Agreement made with him which was to remain in your hands executed I believe about 1812 or earlier altho' Phillis herself has not been permitted to hire herself, it is true that she has been permitted to remain very much at liberty to under her own Discretion to maintain herself and has done so by taking in work — the Late act of Assembly you mention will probably embrace her Case and therefore will become an Object of immediate Notice — May I be permitted to ask whether you can employ some person to adopt such arrangement as you may deem sufficient to take her Case out of the Act — Poor Creature altho' I suppose that I am not to expect much profit from her yet I presume she is too old for me to liberate her without making a provision for her to keep her off the County in case of accident or sickness — if she could get any Person of her own Choice to live with, they should have her at a reasonable Sum — if it may not be intruding upon you, permit me to ask the favor of your advising me what may be most expedient to be done —

The acct of Mr Middleton I fear are very much behind ~~not any much with you~~ — ~~but~~ at least it appears so from my accounts with him collected from his payments to you, ~~equal~~ his deficit amounts to somewhat more than 3 years Rent without any Interest charged on any of his accounts — I am glad that Mr Carvill is likely to find resources to discharge his Bond and hope Mr Covington will find means ~~with ease~~ to expedite his Payments Due to Mr Carvill to enable him the more readily to settle with me — the Purchase was made by Mr Carvill in the 1800 — upwards of 18 years since — most Men we consider such ~~a delay~~ delay as rather unreasonable — What am I to expect from Major Smith (of Samuel) — his Mortgage is becoming of ancient date say Jany 1799 — and without recurring to his acct I do not recollect that he has made any payment whatever for ~~the~~ Eleven years past — the Amt of Debt was £290 —

Copy to Wm Barrett — 12 March 1819 —

Wm. Barroll Esq

Philad 12. March 1829

Dr Sir

Your Letter of the 6th with its endorse arrived on the 10th when oppressed with a Cold attended with fever & Head ache I was unable to answer its contents but as it contained Money I considered it due to you by a few Lines to acknowledge its recpt. – Fever & Head ache gone I take the early opptY of ~~more particularly noticing~~ thanking you for that attention you have been able to afford to my concerns in your County and more particularly to notice the other parts of your favor. On recurring to your Letter of Oct last to which you refer ~~in Octo last~~ since which you mention that you had not heard from me, I find as is usually my custom on answering Letters that I have ~~noted~~ indorsed on it answd 3d Nov. How it has happened that you have not recd it, must remain unknown – I have some faint impression but am not sure of it that I sent a Letter to about that time to Mansfield's Tavern to be forwarded by a private conveyance – it may have happened ~~as I frequently~~ that in sending Letters by a Servant late in the Evening (having ~~to~~ attend to much of my writing at Night) to be put into the Window of the Post Office, that he may have dropped it; I am sorry ~~however~~ that it has so occurred – I remember well to have left it to you to determine upon the expediency of painting the house concerning which you requested my direction and suggested our adopting some arrangement ~~being made~~ for such of the Children of Phillis as might be of age to put out previous to the Commencemt. of the then ensuing year – I was at different times in the expectation of hearing from you but understood that your Health had been much interrupted and ascribed ~~it~~ to that cause my receiving no Letter from you –

~~It is certainly true that~~ I feel that it may well be said of me by those not immy acquainted with the Situation in which I have been for several years past that I have greatly neglected my Affairs in Maryland as well as elsewhere by not personally visiting them but the truth is with a numerous family of my own and immediately relied upon and almost daily called for by an aged and very infirm Mother with her family of Females together with the families of widowed Sisters heretofore residing with my constant and I have been kept in such a ~~constant~~ continuing State of detention near them that I have not had it in my power to absent myself for a week from them except in two instances for several years past to the extreme injury of my own Concerns ~~besides the~~ it has fallen to my peculiar lot to be more embarrassed in this respect than I can well describe to you and altho' I have been aware of the importance of attending some journies ~~of my necessity~~ yet I have ~~not been able to accomplish them but have been foiled by different~~ by unexpected events & some difficulty ~~occurring~~ ~~being foiled in the Days~~ ~~of the~~ ~~occurrences and some difficulties~~ ~~in the execution of different plans that I had formed~~ ~~that~~ This alone has been the reason why I have not for so long a time presented myself at Chester Town – it has indeed been a consolation to me that I have had so efficient and kind a friend in you to assist me in the superintendence of the Property I have remaining in Kent Co. – From the middle of the Month of November last my ~~the~~ infirm Mother has been in her Chamber where she yet remains doubtful untill within the last two Weeks whether we could count with confidence upon her being preserved to us for ten days in anticipating ~~the~~ during that period – the like occurred during almost the whole of last Winter – it would be tedious to detail to you the variety of circumstances that have detained me from doing a great deal that I ought to have done – for all that you have done for me I am under many obligations and at the same fully approve such arrangements as you have adopted in the Repair of the houses &c – I wish sincerely that they could be disposed of to a good Account without the continuance of the plague of securing good Tenants – The Law which you have been good enough to communicate to me applicable to Negroes certainly is to be guarded against ~~as to Master Tom Muncey who left his~~ I take it for granted that it cannot

W Banoll & C. T. Chambers Esq

Gent

Philad^a 3^d May 1816

In consequence of previous agreem^t between R. T. Earle Esq on behalf of himself & others representatives of the late Judge Tilghman and myself as Executor of the last Will of Saml Chew Esqr dec^d, a Statement of a Case was drawn up and forwarded to Mr Earle with my signature to be signed by him, to be submitted to you for your opinion on the question arising on the circumstances between us – To this Statement Mr Earle informs me he has made an addition which he has communicated to me ~~and to which~~ I perfectly ac~~cord~~ with and consent to the Addition provided that it is not intended to ~~bear~~ any other construction than that after the Death of Saml Chew which happened on the 25th May 1809 the same possession which was used & enjoyed by Saml Chew in his Life time was continued by his Executor for the purposes mentioned in the Statement with the full privity & uncontradicted permission of the ~~principal~~ acting representatives of Judge Tilghman and it is at the same time presumed that the protest now made against such permission being considered as a relinquishment of the Claim to Damages or Rent is to be considered only as a present declaration of the parties and not to convey the Idea that any such protest was communicated to the Executor ~~untill June 1810~~ as the fact is as stated in the Case that no application call or demand was made to me for the delivery of the premises during the period stated in the Case – What is to be the bearing or ~~operation or~~ construction of that continued privity and uncontradicted permission ~~is to be I leave~~ is left wholly to your decision –

Conceiving that the written statement of the Case submitted to you is a fair exhibit of the facts on which your opinion is to be given I sh^d deem it improper to my form any argument on the occasion, satisfied that your comprehensive view of the subject will embrace all the points necessary to be taken into consideration – I have therefore no remarks to present to you but those which I have noticed merely by way of explanation

I remain with much respect

Gent^n Your ob^t Hble Servt

B. C Exec^r &c

Copy to W Barroll & E F. Chambers
4th May 1816

Philadelphia 23d Jany 1815

Dear Sir

I have this day by Mr Gronal received your Favor of the date of the 11th Instt enclosing a Deed to be executed by Mrs Chew & myself for the Lot No. 9 — of the upper part of Chester Town, which you mention had been contracted for with Jos. Acre, but for which the Deed is now to be made to William Brown — I take it for granted that Acre has made a regular Assignment to Brown, without which the Deed aught not to be delivered to Brown, and the original Articles with the Assignment returned to you for me — Having experienced to my Cost the tricks of Mr Acre, I would have nothing in his power by which he could possibly raise any Claim against me at a future Day — The Deed as you desire will be executed, and will accompany this Letter —

In my Letter of the 9th Novr I believe I mentioned my intention, if possible, to make a Visit to Chester Town, about or soon after Christmas, and therefore accounted for my not hearing from you until the present opportunity of seeing Mr Neal, personally, to enquire about you — it has again occurred that I have not been able from various circumstances either of Family or Business so to arrange Matters for a ten days absence, which will be necessary to me in going to Mary Land, Cecil, and in Kent — I have the more easily reconciled my delaying my journey to Kent, feeling a Confidence in your friendly attention to my Concerns in that County — Mr Middleton however aught not too long to be permitted to delay the Payment of his Rent, not only as it affects me but the danger of his getting behind hand which may perhaps be difficult at a further day for him to bring up — I regret his Misfortune in the Loss of his Son, and would certainly give him every indulgence consistent with Safety — As to Mr Friend this day he aught & must pay up his Interest at any rate — it is necessary to me, & he can have no excuse for my letting that Part of the Business — in short I must insist upon this being done if the payment of the Principal is delayed —

Copy to Thos Bonsall 23d Jany 1815
by T. Neal.

In my Letter of Nov. I took the Liberty of enquiring how my Negro Men were likely to be disposed of for the ensuing year — if it may not be giving you too much Trouble, I shall be obliged to you in your next to mention them and also to inform me if Tony remains with the same Person — those to whom they have been hired ought to pay their Monies —

The Debt of Wm Forman I understood from you would remain secured by Genl Forman's Estate with whom the debt originally existed — and for that purpose proceedings were kept alive against the Estate of the Late Genl Forman I hope these have been continued so that if Wm Forman is now dead insolvent, we may have recourse to and proceed without Delay against the Estate of the original Debtor —

The Debt due to me from Thos. Cavilli was sometime ago mentioned by you, and was Principal & Interest to have been liquidated by his giving Bond for the whole bearing Interest, I shall thank you to inform me if the Bond for the whole bearing was taken, and for what amount, with the Date of it — the Stat of the Account was sent you last Winter or very early in the Spring without mentioning to the account I believe it is now seven years since one farthing of Interest has been paid by him — if this Bond was taken for the consolidated amount, the Interest must be paid upon it as it becomes due — in short in respect to this Debt as well as the others, such are the increased Expences of every Item in our City, and such the deplorable exigency of the Times that whatever may have been the usual Resources of a Citizen here, we are often in an awkward Situation for the Supply of Funds — the actual depreciation of every kind of the circulating Paper, for a Dollar in specie is rarely to be seen, is adding much to the embarrasment & the entire interruption of intercourse, not only between the Banks of neighbouring States, but between the Banks of the same State increases the difficulties of the Day — it therefore becomes questionable, whether at such a Loss as I must sustain if Maryland Bank Paper is offered in Payment, I ought to receive it or you pay me — for if the Notes of Maryland were now sent to me, I should suffer a Loss from 3 p. to 6 per cent. — within the last fortnight I have been obliged to refuse the Payment of $1500 offered me from Maryland on that account as the Loss to me would then have been $90 — what is to be the End of it, it is not easy to determine

the Passage of the National Bank Bill as it was sent from the House of Representatives it is feared at this time late Period will not help us — it is now questioned with many among us, wether the subscription will be filled sufficiently to carry it into operation; and if it should be so filled, it is apprehended that being restricted from the Liberty of suspending their Specie payments, their proceedings must be so fettered as to admit of but little general Benefit being derived from the institution — the Prospects therefore before us are as gloomy as ever a People were afflicted with, unless some divine interposition should shortly bring us some favourable accounts from the negocations of Ghent, we are continued under an awful Suspense as to the Fate of New Orleans, the accounts to the morning of the 24th Dec. The Newspapers will furnish you with — Should the Enemy succeed in obtaining the possession of the Post, the consequences will be severely felt & if they should happily be driven from thence, your anticipations of the Danger to some of our Sea Port Towns, as soon as the Season opens for military operations in our Latitude, rise up as a probable event and especially as at this Time every thing like preparation for Defence is in compleat apathy — Never was a Country so miserably prostrated by the infamous Mismanagement of its Rulers — if Heaven in its bounty should have any Comfort in store for us, it must proceed from its abundant Mercy, not that we have deserved its Favour, the next ten days or fortnight must be pregnant with the most critical intelligence to us — Should any thing important arrive I will early communicate it to you —

Make my best respects to Mrs Bancroft & your Family & believe me with much Respect

my sincerely
Yours

B. Chew

19 Sept 1809

Dr Sir

Yesterday after I rec^d a Ltr from Mr H Holliday enclosing some a certain Agreem^t to be exec^d on my part with accompanying Proceedgs for the purpose of entering an amic^e Suitt to determine y Quest^n of Miss Holliday's Claim to the Crops growing at the time of y Death of my Uncle on the Farm called Swamp^t by his Will devised to Miss H. — Have inserted some few Amendm^ts. I have signed y Agreem^t & State of y Case & have y Pleasure of forwarding the whole to you herewith, confiding the entire managem^t of the Business to your good Care & Attent^n which from your knowledge & full acquaint^ce with all the Circ^s of y Case is so ample as to require from me neither Comment or Remark upon the Subject — indeed in my Mind the Case under your Act of Assy with its Supplem^t is so clear as to render it surprising that Mr Holliday & his Counsel sh^d persist in the Claim — I have said nothg to you on the Subject of Fee meaning to make that satisfactory to you when I see you — When I left you I proposed returning to Chester to the last of this Month for the purpose of holding a Vendue of my dec^d Uncle's Household Furniture on y 4th of next Month but on a Review & Consideration of the very heavy Burthen upon my hands of my Fathers Affairs together with many other Matters of pressing urgency just at this period, I have found it impossible for me to devote the time to two Journies wch without sustaining any immediate injury to the Sale of the Furniture might be reduced to one — Being obliged to postpone y Sale of the Stock on y 3 Inst^t in Cecil to y 6th of November I have determ^d to hold the Vendue of the Furniture in Chester T^n on Wednesday y 1st of Novr. thereby enabling me to accomplish both Sales in one Journey tho' I sh^l be a few days longer absent from Philad^a I shall therefore be in Chester T^n about y 28th of Octo^r. — in the mean time shall trouble you first to make applic^n for me to your Orphans Court, if that sh^l be the Practice with you for an Order of Sale by public Auction of the Household Furniture & other Articles at the late Residence of y Chew in Chester T^n as may be thought expedient to be sold on Wednesday y 1st Novr. and for the Sale of the Stock & personal Effects of y Dec^d in Cecil Co^y on Monday y 6th Nov^r — Not having your Acts of Assy I am not suff^y acquainted with y Practice regulated by your Legislat^e in Cases of this Sort — it rests upon my Memory that y above Procedure is required for y better security of y Exec^r or Adm^r I shall take the Liberty of sending to you a Number (26) of Hand Bills which I shall be obliged to you to have distributed & put up in various Public Places throughout Kent & Queen Anne's hoping the Notice will thereby be made as public & general as it ought to be — Any Exp^s you may be at in the employing a Person or Persons for the purpose of putting up the H^d Bills I shall thankfully defray — it may perhaps be peculiarly useful to have them displayed on y Day of Election in Kent & Queen Anne's —

With the Papers on Miss Hollidays Subject I enclose to you a Copy of Mr H Hollidays Letter to me in which you will perceive his Idea that there may be no full argument on the Occasion before the Court below in the View of the Case being carried before y Court of Appeals but that he

Counsel may merely cite Authorities applicable to the subject – In this Mode I cannot say I quite concur but refer the direction entirely to yourself, merely suggesting that it wd be more desirable that we shd have I serious Opinion of the Inferior Court in our Favor than against us and not let it rest as a mere matter of form – The inferior Ct. ought therefore to be fully informed by aid of Counsel & therefore the due preparation be made – I shd be glad, if yr Leisure permit, to be made acquainted of the time when there may be a probability of the Case being taken up – I need not add that the sooner the quest. is adjusted, the more acceptable to me –

According to your Request I have pd to W Jackson Esq Bal. due on your acct for his papers to the 23 July last – the acct is stated as follows

pd to Barnole Esq to W Jackson	
For I Register from 23 July 1804 to July 1807 —	$45
By Cash 29 April 1807	22.50
Bal. pd by BC	$22.50

With much Esteem Yrs &c BC jr

Copy to Wm Barnell –
19. Sept. 1809 by Wm Harris –

W Barroll Esq

Sir

In consequence of a disappointment in the Gentleman whom I mentioned to you declining to officiate as an Appraiser of the few Items on my late Uncle's Farm near Town, I rather unwilling trespass upon the privilege you have allowed me, in the moment of my desiring so anxiously to hasten home, to refer to you the conclusive arrangement of a Business agreed upon between Mr Samd Ringgold and myself as the Executor of my lamented Uncle - The Subject is as follows - Mr Ringgold agrees to purchase all the Black People of ages that belongd to my late Uncle and were used at the Farm near Chester Town now called Mr Crisby's Farm - the List of their Names I annex or enclose - he also agrees to purchase all the Stock of every Description and Farming utensils that are upon the d Farm as also the Crop of Wheat and the Crop of Corn, both now growing on the Premises - the Terms of Purchase are that each and every Article shall be valued by impartial Persons, one chosen by each Party and in Case of their disagreement the two Valuers to choose a third and then two out of the three to determine the Value of the respective Items - from this Valuation thus made I had agreed to make a deduction of five per Cent and for the liquidated Amount Mr Ringgold is to give me his Bond with approved Security payable in two Years - The refusal of the Gentleman whom I had nominated, to officiate on the present occasion being made known to me only about Sunset this afternoon, I am much at a Loss to obtain another in his Place the appointment of such a person I shall leave wholly in your Discretion as well as the entire arrangement of this Business - a Person has been mentioned between us who if he will serve will under your approbation be entirely satisfactory to me - A Circumstance however has been mentd which I think ought to be met, lest notice again should be taken of it, to depreciate the Value of two of the Servants who have been represented as subject to Disease - Dr Anderson who has been the attending Physician to the Family and is well acquainted with the Principal one alluded to, I mean young Tom, reports him to me to be as healthy a Person as any in the County and says as much of the Woman - in order however to obviate all further Difficulty and Trouble of another Valuation I will agree that Mr Ringgold may take the whole at the Appraisement made by himself and Mr Skinin provided he relinquishes the Deduction of 5 per Cent otherwise intended to be made - but in this also I shall abide your better Judgment of the expediency of the Measure - the People I consider as put at a very low rate - and refer you to a remark or two on the List of them - the Crop in the Ground also is put at a low rate - the other Items I know nothing of - it is an Object to have the Business speedily adjusted - The Bay Horse

lately one of the pair ~~of~~ used in the carriage which Mr Ringgold is to take at $800 may also be included in his Bond tome – In assenting to the Valuation made by Mr Ringgold & Mr Shiver in ~~altho~~ I consider it a low one, I conceive I shall be acting correctly – if I were to make a Deduction upon that amount I should render myself subject as Ever to a Loss which I am persuaded is not the wish of Mr Ringgold – in having a new Valuation I am well persuaded that the Butter men will make more ~~than the~~ Amount of the whole than will be equal to the Sum proposed to be deducted – the People have had very lately their monthly allowance of Meat delivered to them – their Bedding in Case of their being taken at the Valuation ~~already~~ Made will be thrown in – otherwise it is a fair Object of Valuation – it will be expected that Mr Ringgold will take the immediate Direction of the Property –

When the Business is finished I shall be obliged to you to permit me to hear from you –

These Letters were written intended for W Barrell & Adams Ringgold but were broke off by the Visit of J. Ringgold & subsequently W Barrell who meeting together the Business touching Negro was adjusted & arranged without further Delay – See J Ringgold's Bond with Thomas Lowry