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and died intestate, which I understand took an equal portion with each Child.— Considering as I did the largeness of the interest which would pass under the proposed deed for a nominal consideration, and not thinking as your Counsel advised you in Phila. that the deed was formal only, I advised the Executors of the importance of the transaction and that they had no right to impose on their bondsmen responsibility for acts not strictly belonging to them as Executors — While however as Executors they considered it best to decline to act yet as individuals they were all of them ready and willing and so repeatedly expressed themselves, to carry out any arrangements you might desire to make, and it was only after your letter of May 2nd showing how thoroughly they had failed to make their ideas plain, that Dr Chester wrote advising the course he did. altho' advising that you have the paper drawn yet as an imperfect one would necessarily affect the title to his undivided portion of the real estate as well as yours he wished you to forward the draft of the proposed deed to himself, when acting in his own interest, he would see that it was in legal shape — As representing him personally I have examined the draft and with a few ~~verbal~~ slight corrections and the suggestion that the object of the deed would perhaps be changed if it was written in the beginning of the deed that Mrs Morris had died before the testator — I regret very much that you should have taken offence at anything I may have said in my letter of 25th ult. but in the light of the explanation I have made I hope you will see that it arose from a misunderstanding of my meaning and not from any want of respect or confidence in you —

Regretting very much the cause for which I have written I am

Very Respectfully
James Carey Jr.

I shall ask Dr. Chester to forward to you as soon as possible draft of deed — the Executor wish next week to transfer the stock legacies and would like to include legacies to your Mother of 100 shares S.P. B & O. I have taken the liberty of changing slightly the wording in the deed even where it may be necessary so that it may conform to our usual form.