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Sorry any such interpretation should be put on it — I am away from home — away from my books — away from any possibility of consultation with the others and am suddenly informed that I owe the estate $174.41 and the amount must be there by a certain day / ~~which~~ and to accomplish this ~~necessitated~~ made it necessary ~~which when I received it meant~~ that I should immediately send my check — There was no account to show in any way how it was due and no data sent me by which I could figure it out — ~~E. B. Morris did attempt to explain it but he started it with a statement~~ — The accounts as I saw them ~~were full of~~ had what I call ~~a~~ his-statements — such as amount paid him $296 — I distinctly remembered this sum as due me in settlement of differences in the division of the stocks & bonds but also distinctly remembered that it was not paid — E. B. M. now states that it was a "legal fiction" — whatever that may mean — ~~and~~ Under these circumstances I sat down at once and wrote to the Executors what I intended simply as a decided letter asking for an explanation of how I came to owe $174.41