Baltimore Thursday Eve'g
July 18th 1898

My Dear Emory

After my letter of this date was written
Yours of the 16th was handed me & the ~~pa~~ letter carrier
I went immediately to Barnums after the letter
and found it among many others in the rack
at the Bar from its dirty appearance, and one
side being out of the proper place, I concluded to open
it in the presence of Hammond saying it ought
to contain a Draft in your favor for
<u>Nine Hundred Dollars</u>: upon opening the same
I ascertained the draft was there; I have
stated this fact for your information
You will receive by this conveyance the
half pipe wine, it gives me pleasure to have
it in my power to accommodate my
friend Hightman with a good glass of very cheap
but really quite good wine.
You & all of you must accept my best
wishes; I think we shall have some difficulty
about the election of a candidate for the Magistracy
Most truly your constant friend
Wm H Stewart

Received Oct 5th $31.80 at maturity