My dear General, Elkton, July 20. 1841

I addressed a letter to you some weeks ago on the subject of Mrs. Ann Allen's claim for the board of your son and which in one of your letters you have assumed to pay. I do not desire to be troublesome but the old lady is now here and is incessantly harassing me on the subject. To be candid I have got myself into a scrape with her. After I had seen you in Annapolis last winter when you promised to give the assumption the form of a note, I met with her & on her complaining that I had made no progress in getting the matter liquidated, I mentioned your promise and assured her that you would, when you thought of it, fulfil it literally, adding that if you did not, I would pledge my honor to pay it myself. She has not forgotten this pledge. And you would therefore confer on me a particular favor if you would enclose me your note for the amount bearing Interest, so that I may receive it by the mail on Sunday next. She talks about returning the beginning of next week and I would like to place it in her possession before she goes. You may take what credit you please, only give the claim the form of a note. Mr.