

Endorsement

10th July 1816

W. Titchman's proposals respecting his daughter's property, to B. Chew Jr & W. Chew assent to the same.

My dear Sir

Philad^a July 10th 1816

As my daughter, to whom you are to be married, is under age, I think proper to mention what I propose to be done, after she arrives at twenty one; & from the conversation we have recently had, I make no doubt but it will be agreeable to you. In order to procure an Income, we must resort to the Northampton Estate, which altho' valuable, is unproductive in its present state. I intend, that so much of it shall be sold, as will produce thirty thousand dollars, of which five thousand may be expended in Furniture, & the remaining twenty five thousand placed in your hands, to be used by you as you think proper. This capital of twenty five thousand dollars, is to be considered, after your death, as a debt due from your Estate. If your wife survives you, she is to receive it from your Estate; & if she dies before you she is to have the right of disposing of it as she pleases either by last will & testament, or any writing in nature thereof, or any other writing executed in the presence of at ^{two} least two witnesses, during her coverture; but if she should die, without, making any such disposition, then, after your death, the said twenty five thousand dollars is to be distributed according to the law of Pennsylvania, in the same manner as it would be, if your wife had died possessed of it, & unmarried. Provided that if it should be made to appear, by any books, writings or papers of yours, in what property, real or personal, the said twenty five thousand dollars stand invested at the time of your death, then, instead of that sum being considered as a debt against your Estate, the specific property shall go to your wife if she survives you, absolutely; or in case she dies before you, be subject to her disposition as aforesaid, & if she makes no disposition thereof, it shall descend or be distributed, according to its nature, in the same manner as if she died seized or possessed of it, & unmarried.

I am, dear Sir

very sincerely & affly yours

Wm Titchman

To Benjamin Chew Jr & 19.

(The above in Mr Titchman's hand writing)