~~There cannot be any~~ There has been nothing of the kind
we have sold various articles to persons on the spot
who gave the price affixed with a view to private
sale by room appraisers (two of whom were auctioneers
well acquainted with this business & the third a capable
person) on an inventory required by our law. You also
appear to be under considerable error respecting the
plate; it consisted of few articles, and those not of much
value, and has been so since I knew it which is 17 years.
The whole of it as appraised in the inventory did not
exceed $601.16 and part of it was appraised so high
that I declined taking a few things which I had an
idea of purchasing. We intend to wind up the estate
as fast as we conveniently can and to settle our
accounts before the Court annually. I have troubled
you with a long letter, but it is in answer to two,
and I have thought it best to be explicit, as well
as to give reasons, because it will save any future
doubt about our course, which in your instance
I should particularly regret. I have shewn this to
Mr Bond who authorises me to say that he agrees
entirely with my views

Truly Yours

B. Chew Jr

John Hyneman Esq
of Melfield

Philadelphia June 28th 1827

Dear Sir

Yours of the 14th was not presented until the 21st
and I failed in three attempts during that day to see Mr
Wilmer, who left town next morning, so that I send the 2
cans and 2 waiters to the care of Col Chambers by my father
with an acct and an authority to charge the price to you,
supposing you would prefer this mode. The frequent inter-
with Chestertown will give you an opportunity of getting
them.

Your letter of the 8th was partly anticipated by my
transmitting you a copy of the will and my note at bottom
of it, but we had actually written a full answer to it before
the rect of yours of the 14th, the substance of which I shall
compress in this. We have avoided the expense of all the
household effects of our deceased connection to the gage
of the curious, which would have been the unpleasant
consequence of a public sale, and have disposed of every
thing of value except the two parlour carpets & curtains,
three mirrors, two dozen silver forks, a large spoon, and
the wines. The rest consists of articles of little consequence,
a good deal of it old and even rubbish. We have deci-
ded to get rid of these by public sale on Thursday
next; an auction of some of the articles, the clothing for
example, was a thing to which we would in no case have
consented. The library is a different affair, and has
been thus sold, to better advantage as we think than
we could have done in any other manner. We observe
with much pain the following passage in your last
recd. "The expression "reserved" to leads me to infer that
"a sale, or distribution in some shape of the personal effects
"has taken place. This meanwhile I should extremely regret

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