will not have much to pay on his note — it shews where a mortgage the estate is got rid of by the sale of the Forest property. Mr Cummins spoke of taking George and Shade. I purposely left the sale of them to be concluded by you. You have had a good deal of trouble with the business, and it is but fair that you should have ~~commission~~ commissions on these easy sales.

Mr Cummins was under some difficulty with respect to two or three servants he bought. It appears to me that all inconvenience may be obviated — You did not know when you sold them to him, owning as he does, the adjacent farms, that he intended to carry them out of the State — I did not, most certainly; because I did not even know that he had bought them, for several months after the sale. Let him put them on his purchased land where they will be useful to him. If hereafter he shall think fit to order his servants to come from his farm in Maryland to his house in Delaware, it is no business of ours; and if any mischievous person should be disposed to vex him by information he has nothing to do but to send them back to his farms. In his case I do not perceive the necessity of bond or any other entanglement, in as much as the servants were sold to a large land proprietor in Maryland and delivered to him there, and we have neither right nor duty to enquire respecting their future disposition by him. I will write to Mr Cummins on the subject immediately.

I now proceed, as I promised in my last, to recapitulate my conversation at Centreville respecting the ultimate destination of the personalty in Maryland. I put it on a separate leaf that it may be divided from the above if you wish to shew it. By the way, I never have known which of "the representatives" Judge Earle acts for, and yet in treating about property of such an amount I ought to be informed of this — will you let me know when you write

My declaration to you and Judge Earle at Centreville, in presence of Mr Emory, on the 27th July 1850, was as follows — If I retain out of the estate of my late Father in law Chr Aug Telfsmann, what I consider my right and actually due to me, I shall not take advantage of the law of Maryland, which, as I am advised, gives to me his personal in that state as representative of my son. I am fully aware of the value of the sacrifice, but under the contingency I shall make it. But, if I can not realise the claims I conscientiously believe to be ~~my~~ dues and debts to me, from the estate, I shall take whatever the law will give me out of the estate. Upon the suggestion of Judge Earle that I should agree to an amicable action to determine whether I have any right to the personalty in Maryland under your laws of decedents, my reply was, that, in case I am put to the difficulty of an action on this point, I shall hold myself entirely discharged of the above declaration and at full liberty to exercise my free discretion as to whatever property may be affected by any of my claims or rights

I am with great regard
Truly Yours

B. Chew Jr

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