of giving him an advance of wages, when he found the income from the place would not justify it - I took for granted Mr T. had made a new bargain with him, although I do not recollect that Mr - I ever told me so explicitly - The accounts however are settled in the farm book every year (including 1819 when the advance was to begin) stating his wages at $160, and striking the balance, to which his mark is put, but not witnessed by a third person. If I find no direct proof of an agreement to alter the original agreement, the situation is awkward - and as he shews Mr T's hand for the agreement to give the extra $40, and yet I am convinced in my own mind that they ought to change the terms - The ten years arrears make a pretty sum.

He also claims an allowance to his wife during each year for her services, such as attending the sick &c - pretending Mr Tilghman told him he would make her a present for so doing, and estimates this item at $40 per an - She had a bill paid every year varying from $40 to 60 (I quote from memory) for spinning, attending to the clothing &c - I think that between them they have been well paid - If however this charge is usual or is thought correct, I have no wish to deprive them of what they are entitled to -

You ask of me the state of the account respecting your note for $350 - supposing it to have been closed by the transfer of Canal stock - I have before me the bundle of papers relative to the debt - The last letter is one from you dated 3d Aug 1824 offering "as far as it will go the 4 shares of Delaware & Chesapeake "Canal Stock which I hold" &c - endorsed by Mr T. "Answd 17 Aug "& requested that I would order Mr Gilpin to transfer his 4 "shares to me. I will have them sold to the best advantage at some "future time (the present moment being unfavorable) & credit "him for the amount" - I find by reference to the books of the Company, the shares never were transfered, but still stand in your name - There is no credit in our books to you on this note dated 12 July 1824, but to commence 1 June 1825 - You mother paid his lately - Supposing it germaine to the subject, I give the following information recd from Mr Gilpin - The shares would now sell for $165 each = $660, out of which the amount due on them, $95 each = $380, is to be deducted, to be paid to the Company; leaving $280 to be received on the sale - I am obliged

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