Dear Sir

Philadelphia July 27th 1870

Your favor of the 20th did not reach me until yesterday, and I hasten to acknowledge it because you seem to have infered from my last that your testimony was immediately required in Brambles affair - which is not the case. I was anxious to hear from you in order, to decide on an answer to a proposal to compromise, and the counsel prevent my reply - the action probably will not get before the court for a long time, as the docket is always full -

Brambles conduct is unjustifiable, and his atty has brought the suit a rather nice point I believe there are three of them / in a very inconvenient manner - being sued, here, the Pennsylvania law, I suppose will govern the decision. The action is founded on the pretence that Mr Bond and myself directed him to act as he did with respect to the negroes, which was not true - The claim for the $40 per ann will be very difficult to be got over - he has the contract, and we have nothing to show that it was changed except Mr J Sylvanus books, and of course they are not evidence. Nevertheless I am so confident ~~that~~ the alteration was agreed to by Brambles that I am very unwilling to pay the demand. I wrote

PAID
JUL 29 1870

To
John Tilghman Esq
Melfort
near
Centreville
Queen Anns Co
Maryland

Philadelphia
July 27th 1870