John Tilghman Esqr
Melfield
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Queen Anne's County
Maryland

Philadelphia
21st Augt 1830

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John Tilghman Esqr —

Dear Sir

Philadelphia 21st Augt 1830

On my coming to Town yesterday I received your Letter with its enclosures which altho' dated at Melfield on the 15th — appears by the Post Office Mark of Centreville not to have been forwarded from thence untill the 19th Inst^t — arriving in Town rather late, I found that Mr James Howard of Baltimore and two of his Friends were preparing to go out to dine en famille at my Country house and of course after a short rest to my Horses I had to hasten my way back to meet them — I was therefore prevented acknowledging the Receipt of your Letter as immediately as I should otherwise have done by the Mail of this morning —

As I wrote to you on the 9th I communicated to my Sisters the assurance you had then expressed to me that you would immediately discharge the whole of the Interest due, the Amount of which I was then in no manner aware of nor did I in any manner advert to its particulars untill you sent to me the extract from the Docket Entries — The Amount of Interest ~~accruing~~ due on your two obligations according to the Statement which I shall give you below surprised me, as I have not for some time had the subject in my view — you have the means of ascertaining it for yourself, whence you will perceive that the Interest on the two obligations runs up to near twice the sum of $500 which you say was in your idea, forming in the whole a very serious Item which I pray you to take into your consideration —

The real Debt on your first obligation due on the 20th Octo 1827 when Judgment was entered was for y^e Principal $1466.50
And for the Interest thereon from 19th Feby 1822 to y^e abovement 20th Octo 1827 — for 5 y^rs 8 m^os — 498-61 — $1965-11

And the Debt for Principal on your second Obligation dated 19 Feby 1822 — $487-60
And for Interest thereon from date to 20th Octo 1827 when Judgm^t was entered was 5 y^rs 8 m^os — 165-78 — 653-38

Amt of Principal & Interest due on 20th Octo 1827 when Judgm^t was entered — $2618-49

Add a continuation of Interest calculated on the respective Principals, and not on the consolidated Judgment, viz On the principal of $1466.50 from the 20th Octo 1827 to day 20th Augt 1830 — 2 y^rs 10 m^os — $249-31
on $487-60 from 20th Octo 1827 — to day 20 Augt 1830 — 2 y^rs 10 m^os — 82-89 — 332-20

On this mode of Calculation the Principal & Interest on both Obligations due on 20th Augt 1830 will be — $2950-69

Hence it will appear that there was due for Interest alone on 20th Augt 1830