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Dear Sir

I have considered the question proposed to me in your letter of the 6th inst, viz: "in what manner the intestate estate of the late Judge Yelghman is to be distributed under the laws of Pennsylvania among his representatives & to what degree it extends", as far as the limited time & opportunity afforded, permitted me. Your letter did not reach me until several days after its date, & the occupation connected with the sitting of several courts, have prevented me from bestowing so much time & reflection on the subject, as its difficulty demanded

With respect to the intestate real estate, I have no hesitation in giving an answer. The case is provided for by the 6th section of the Intestate Act of 4th April 1797, under the provisions of which the real estate of Judge Yelghman, not disposed of by will, will descend to the children of his deceased brothers & sisters & to the lawful issue of such of them as may be dead, such issue to take, if one person solely, & if several persons, as tenants in common in equal parts such share as would have descended to his her or their parent, had such parent then been living. In the case of real estate, representation, is ad infinitum.

With respect to his intestate personal estate, the question is one of great difficulty & may be considered res adhuc questio. The case is not provided for in terms by the

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