Chester Tower May 22

Dear Sir

Mr Brice informs me by letter brought by Mr Lee yesterday, that Mrs Tilghman renews her offer to pay three fourths of the balance of my claim with interest free of any charge, after receiving my portion of hire, and has consented to sell the Slaves, & to pay off the claims immediately. In the absence of Mr Eccleston, I have consulted a friend here, who thinks it advisable in case the Slaves are sold, that Mrs Tilghman should give security for the amt exceed upon a final settlement, I wish to know whether you will be her security, or, one of the securities if more than one should be required, as you are well acquainted with the business & therefore knowing there can be no risk I have not hesitated to make this application, feeling you can have no objection, as the money is to be paid by Sept next or before. Mr Lee is desirous of settling it as speedily as possible. I have no doubt of his good success in the sale of the Slaves. an answer by Mr Lee will much oblige me — be pleased to present my affectionate regards to Mrs T & family —

In haste — very respectfully yours

W. Tilghman

Dr Sir

Mr Lee will be here on Saturday to receive the money as within mentioned, & should it be perfectly convenient to you I shall be much obliged if you can be present.

Yours truly

W. Tilghman

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