with great fidelity throughout I generally with judgment thought in the very delicate & difficult situation in which he was placed, his conduct could not always be appreciated, or even understood. Knowing his earnest desire & constant efforts to carry into effect the intention of his testator & to protect the objects of his bounty, I always discouraged a course which would bring them in collision with him, not for his sake, but for theirs, & in doing this, I am fully aware that I have met with the disapprobation of some of those whom I represented. Indeed some things have occurred on the subject, which have given me a good deal of pain. I am now more than ever convinced of the prudence of the course I recommended. In a case like this, which can be understood in all its bearings only by one who has been as intimately acquainted with it as I have, it is impossible to say when difficulties are over, until the whole is closed.

What renders the present state of things more embarrassing is, that Mr Bond, never anticipating such a claim as this, & believing that nothing stood in the way of final distribution but the original claim of Mr Chew, the value of which he knew how to appreciate & other demands, has resumed the executorship & gone to Europe. The Court has appointed a highly respectable & intelligent gentleman of the Bar, Mr Price, adm.r de bonis non, by whom every attention in his power will be paid to the concerns of the estate but Mr Bond being more familiar with the papers & the affairs of the late Chief Justice, his absence will be felt.

The interest you have taken in this case, from the friends & relations who are interested in it, has induced me to enter into this long statement, which I am the more led to do, as it relates to matters which can only be properly understood by a professional man.

I will thank you to communicate the contents of this letter to such of the parties in interest as you may meet with.

I am with great respect
very truly yours

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