

Chester Town May 12 1841

Dr Sir

Yesterday I wrote to Judge Price, requesting him to call on Mr Tilghman for immediate payment of a claim, on my Daughter Henrietta's account, this business cannot longer be deferred, she will soon require all the money that is due her,

Mr Westcott has a list of Mr Everitt's debts, amounting to more than six thousand Dollars, more, by one half, than I supposed them to be, and every thing must be sold, except the small farm on which they reside for ~~burial~~, that is entailed property, and cannot be sold; Henrietta will require funds to purchase necessaries for her family, out of the sale of the personal Estate, & consequently, I am obliged to prep the pay of the claim ag^t Mr Tilghman, there are some returns here, relating to the sum due in Mississippi (am^t I believe ab^ot 12 thousand Dol) & having understood that you have heard the same reports, I will make no comments on them, believing they are circulated without any foundation

Mr Holliday has recently rec^d four hundred Dol for the hire of his Slaves in Mississippi, paid in Louisiana Money, by a check from the Merchants Bank of New Orleans on the Merchants Bank in Baltimore, & the discount was only four per cent, & at one period last year, it was as low as two per cent. If not asking too great a favour, will you Sir, go yourself to Balt, and use your influence with Mr Tilghman, and get him to make a similar arrangement with the Merchants Bank of that place, in order that the claim may be settled with as little delay as possible, nothing but your responsibility for Mr Lee's Agency has kept me so long silent knowing it to be perfectly safe, & I have never prep^d the pay^t until now, were you to request Mr Tilghman to make the above arrangement, I feel confident, that he would do so

Allow me in conclusion to add, that I hope as Mother's feelings for a widowed Daughter, & her Orphan Children, will plead my excuse, for requesting your interest in their behalf, in regard to the amount due from the South, which if it could be rec^d in time would add much to their comfort

Knowing how constantly you are engaged in business