Recent occurrences however, I am pained to say, seems justifies the apprehension that such has been the case, and I have therefore, no other alternative left to me, but to request you, at once, to take such steps as may be necessary to prevent any further payment being made to Mr. Pryor Lea unless he promptly accounts for and pays over all Money previously received by him. This measure, painful as it is, is rendered the more necessary, by the promptings and real distress of Mrs. H. Tilghman. I write simultaneously with your letter, on from her suggesting this course, (doubtless suggested to her by her legal adviser) - Since then, she has had the misfortune of losing her dwelling house, by fire, and is now really distressed for money - She has written to me, through a friend in the most pressing manner, and it afflicts me that I can give no satisfactory reply - I must therefore pray, & urge you to every possible effort to relieve her, as well as myself - I need hardly assure that it is very far from my wishes either either to embarrass you or to add to your mortifications - My confidence in you, is unabated, and I think I truly appreciate your, (to say the least of it) unpleasant condition, but duty prompts me to action, and I cannot secure from its, however unpleasant it may be. - The security of the debt due from Mr. Tilghman is certainly a matter of much importance, but there is ought to be constantly borne in mind, that it was not only the security but the prompt payment of the debt, which was the chief ingredient of the Compromise. This, from unfortunate and unforeseen circumstances has been so long delayed, as to have almost may altogether defeated the principal object of the compromise - For this you truly, is not to blame, but the consequences to the parties interested are the more disastrous, and are well calculated to produce complaint -

Asking for a speedy and successful termination to this business.

I am, Dear Sir with best wishes

Truly yours

Thos Tilghman