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Dr Sir

I have this moment rec'd yours of the 23rd ultimo, & I hasten in reply to say that Armistead has copied the record from the family Bible, as requested by Catharine, which we hope ere this you have rec'd, & if you think there is an error in it, I will send you another.

For several days past, I have intended writing to you & I will have the goodness to excuse my hurried letter, dated on the 7th ultimo, and also to acknowledge the receipt of yours in reply, containing a statement of our claim, for which you have my sincere thanks and the statement of the payments, and, I presume correct, & I am very anxious for a final settlement, as Henrietta & myself are both greatly in want of funds & will be glad to know when we may expect to receive our portion of the claim.

My letter herein alluded to was written immediately after giving four lessons on the Piano, bad weather and indisposition prevented me from giving the usual No. during the week, consequently I felt obliged to make up the deficiency on saturday, tho' I was then much indisposed from a severe attack of Neuralgia & as soon as the lessons were over, I wrote you a few lines relating to the southern claim; if there is any expression in the letter offensive to your feelings, after this statement of facts, I must hope that you will do me the justice to think it was unintentional, & tho' we have unfortunately lost the most valuable part of our remnant of property, our love of justice

I have the honor to remain very respectfully your obt Servt

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