Centreville 7th Feb. 1843.

Dear Madam

Your favour of the 2nd Inst. was received yesterday and is entirely satisfactory. The copy of the family record which Caroline kindly made for me, has, however, not yet come to hand. I have been anxiously looking for it.

Since my letter to you, covering a statement of your claim, and encouraging the expectation that the whole would probably be paid about the 1st of March, I have had another communication from Mr Lee advising me, I very much regret to say, that the arrangement, upon which this expectation was founded, has for the present failed, and that the ballance of the money will not be received, probably, untill next fall, in consequence of the difficulty in collecting money in that section of country. It is nevertheless, he assures me, perfectly secured. In consequence of this disappointment, I shall only have in hands (should the accepted Drafts be paid) the sum of $ 3.800.00 to be distributed among the claimants, and which will be done according to their respective amounts. On the opposite half sheet, you have a short statement of your claim with the interest calculated to the first of March next, shewing the amount that will be then due, and also the sum to which you will be entitled to receive from the funds expected then to be in hand. I should have been truly glad could the whole matter have been then closed but it seems impracticable. I can only assure you that it shall be done with all practicable despatch.

Catharine continues as well as usual although then from confine-

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Feb 7th A copy of letter to Mrs Stephens
statement of claim of
Harriet Stephens