Centre Ville 9th March 1843.

Dr Sir

I am in the receipt of your favor of the 4th Inst, informing me of your having deposited $3,800.00 to my credit in the Bank of Baltimore, it being the Amt of the Dft. forwarded to you for collection; and for. you attention to which, I sincerely thank you -

Your suggestion, at the instances of Mr. H. Leighmans, has been fully considered, and I can perceive no grounds upon which to rest a justification, for giving a preference to his claim over others, and have therefore declined doing so - I have sent him a check for the Amt of his dft, and explained to him the reasons, why I could not pay his whole claim -

I am not informed as to the rate of interest which Mr. Lea has rec^d at present the legal Int. in Mrs. is only 6. p^r Ct. Under any circumstances however, I doubt the right to demand more than the legal interest of the State in which the parties to a contract resides, and in which also, the contract is to be consummated - Had the interest been only 5. p^r Ct. rec^d by Mr. Lea, I presume, as should not have demurred in