

Centerville 1<sup>st</sup> July 1843

My dear Sir.

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of your check on the Bank of Easton for fifty dollars 37.00 \$ of which is applied in full to the credit of your Mrs. A. for 1842 & the bal. 13.00 \$ to that of Miss A. C. Blake for the same year in full payment.

It was not my intention to have called upon you at all, but my situation was such as to compel me to use all means to raise ~~the~~ money. I never have been so pressed in my life on my own a/c. I have a large payment to make on the purchase of my farm about the middle of this month & all the small claims I owe for current expenses seem to be pressed upon me at this most unpropitious juncture, and I am really compelled to call upon those who have heretofore uniformly been so kind & prompt in meeting my wishes, as to cause me to feel great delicacy & reluctance to ask them of assistance. I hope & trust you have put yourself to as little inconvenience, to accommodate me, as I should deeply regret to occasion you any even the slightest trouble.

When convenient, if you will send me y<sup>r</sup> a/c I will put a rest upon it, & give a separate one for Miss Blake.

Very respectfully,  
J. M. Blake  
Jas. Bowdley.