Chester Town March 3rd 1849

Col. J. Tilghman

Dr Sir

I have just perused your letter and must confess its contents took me rather by surprise as I was not aware my indebtedness to you for fees could be very large, but let it be large or small I will endeavour to pay it, when I can raise the money, though at this time my means are rather limited, nor have I the remotest idea of pleading the insolvency of either Mrs Pratts estate or my own, or to put in any other plea that is not in strict accordance with the principals of justice and honour by way of ~~compensating~~ compensating me for the payment of any just claim, and upon these principals I have ever endeavoured to square my dealings with my fellow-men, since leaving your County my pecuniary resources have been barely sufficient to afford the means of supporting my family I have never known last night of my creditors but have paid off their claims as I could raise the money, and in regard to this claim for fees I thought a greater part at all events was settled I paid Mr Dillon, same amount I have

Letter
Per Mr. Knight
relative to his fees
March 3rd 1849
Statements incorrect.

Col. J. Tilghman
Easton Md.

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