

Jan'y 20th 1858 -

Col^d John Tilghman
Dear Sir

Your favour of the 12th Inst^l was received yesterday by Henriette, who came up from Newcliffe for a few hours, & I hasten to comply with your request, to return Mrs Lee's letter in answer to yours of the 20th of Novem^r. - last, relative to our Southern claim, & I thank you most sincerely, both for Henriette and myself, for the strong interest you expressed in that letter for the speedy settlement of the business in Mr = Lee's hands, & having every confidence in his desire to comply with your request, I therefore, feel assured, that he will do all in his power for a final settlement of the debt, & that he will give entire satisfaction to all the parties concerned; Since the receipt of your letter, relating to his agency, I have had the fullest confidence in his character and never for one moment doubted, the claim would be ultimately paid. Kate joins me in kind regards to yourself and family, and we hope, you are all in the enjoyment of good health.

I remain Sir, very sincerely & truly, yours
J. Tilghman