Lee Town. Saturday Feby. 8th/45

Mr Hall,

Dear Sir,

Owing to circumstances, over which there was no control, your letter did not reach the Revd. Mr Cummins, until yesterday; & I did not receive the above until this evening — Therefore I feel it my duty, as I do not know when I shall see him, to give you a particular statement of the reasons of my enquiries through him; & thank you for your prompt ~~the~~ kind attentions in behalf of the Servants. My Brother has been absent in New York, & Mr Balch in Frederick. They expect their business will allow them to be here, Monday the 10th Inst. for the purpose of administering on my Fathers Property. In the mean time I thought to gain all the information I could, so that, they could act immediately upon it.

I hope you will, therefore excuse my not sending the Servants, until I consult with them: after which by the earliest opportunity I shall be pleased to acquaint you, of their decision. I shall feel grieved if this letter does not reach you in time to prevent your friend from dismissing her Servants for the present — at least until farther information, received from us. I must still beg the favor, that you will still make enquiries for a place for the Boy, as, in case they go Baltimore the could accompany his Mother & Sister.

With sentiments of great Esteem,
I am your friend, Elizabeth W. Balch

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