

Balt^o 8th Nov 1820

My dear Sir

Al is in town & very urgent to have his cause tried & his Counsel who I ~~thought~~ ^{heavily} had ~~confided~~ (when I wrote to you last) to have it postponed to the next term seems anxious to gratify him, but proposes, as it may be difficult to get the witnesses here, that the matter should be referred to him & myself to settle it upon such terms as we may think equitable - Al takes him that the only controversy between you now is about Interest which he claims & you are not willing to allow - If this mode of settlement would be agreeable to you with me would immediately & I can have the reference made, & if it would be more agreeable to have it referred to some one in the neighbourhood name one or two suitable persons whom I will propose to him.

If this mode of adjustment be not satisfactory to you let me hear from you immediately & I will try to get the case continued - ~~Should~~ I would also what stay of execution would be desirable to you in the event of a settlement. A payment of part (say half) of the money early terms might probably be made for the residue -

Yrs truly

Wm Murray

Give me the names of your witnesses & their place of residence, with the name of a suitable person to execute a commission to examine the witnesses in Pennsylvania