Clot: Bennie Ly

Dear Bennie

Mr Holiday has substituted me as your attorney in his stead; I has handed to me a copy of your letter to him. I have proceeded in making enquiry about the several affairs.

The estate of the late W W Napier is unfortunately in Chancery & unless I can get your account admitted, it must be proved before the Master: I have applied for this purpose but Kelly the agent died two days ago; & I understand Mr Napier has some of the books which he refuses to give up. These affairs are in a most disagreeable state. The account I am sure will not be suffered to bear interest, but I have set forth a claim for it. Saw Napier's account will be paid shortly. I shall inform you when I receive any information on the subject.

I have got the assignment of Wiers bar, & have sent the bar with Mr Gibson. It will be a troublesome business to settle as Mrs Wilson is very infirm & very poor, & has a black guard of a son who is very litigious. I conceive your rights stand thus. You have no legal claim, as administration was not taken out to David's estate, as it ought to have been, which the law requires; but you have an equitable claim, which the law recognizes.

Mr Stallcup & Mr Hitshew

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Saint Marys
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Sept 25 1836

Mr Bennie Ly
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Dear Bennie

I have a slate in my pocket for you & Mother, you may learn to read your lessons & be a good boy & mind your mother & do what she tells you & I will give you a fine gold watch & chain & a fine gold dollar & a fine gold dollar & a fine gold dollar