as convenient the opinion of your lawyer respecting it. – we got home the day after we left your house all well except our little boy his eyes were quite sore but they are now better, Rebecca joins me in love to you all – I remain yours respectfully –

Mr. Otho B. Beall, Upper Marlboro Prince George Co. Md. Wm. Edmonds.

Z. Dear Sir, Dayton July 12th. 1836

For a year past I have been anxiously expecting to hear from John B. Brooke and yourself what progress had been made in the business left in his charge. As you were interested for Deborah and indeed for the other sisters too, I supposed you would do all you could to obtain a settlement of this business as regards both the land claim and the claim to the servants at your request we visited you two years ago at great expense and sacrifice, to accomplish this settlement. The girls were all cast upon the world not very friendly you know destitute of every thing except this pittance in their grand fathers will, which pittance as it is would if promptly paid them be of considerable service. Ellen and Priscilla and I may say myself too, rely upon your sense of justice and your friendship particularly so far as the servants are concerned to have this matter immediately adjusted – John B. Brooke was authorized to receive the servants and dispose of them, or to make a compromise with you by which he would receive money in place of the servants at a price which he and yourself might agree upon – This was designed as an arrangement for Ellen and Priscilla – As we are a great distance off, and having already expended a good deal of money in going to attend to this business at your request, and as much for the benefit of Rebecca and Deborah as for ourselves I hope you will so far interest yourself as to perform an act of justice and good feeling to the sisters here Ellen and Priscilla are very anxious on the subject and would feel greatly relieved by a final settlement and to you they look with confidence – Please to see Brooke, and write to me very soon on the subject – Ellen and Priscilla send their to yourself and Mrs. Beall and Deborah to which I will unite my own – I am very respectfully –

Mr. Otho Beall, near Upper Marlbogh. H. A. Pierson. –

P. S. I mentioned to Mr. Edmonds and also to John B. Brooke, that for money advanced for the prosecution of this claim and a small proportion of my expenses attending to this business, I ought in justice to make a charge. I have said to Mr. Brooke about from $20 to $40 which I have no doubt you will think right from each of the girls double that sum from each would not anything like pay me. I am willing to leave this matter entirely to you and Mr. Brooke for I am satisfied you are not inclined to do us any injustice, I am myself willing to do to others as I would wish to be done by, and I know your profession and religion teach the same doctrine – your attention to the subject of this letter will much oblige – your obt. servt. H. A. Pierson.

Please let me hear from you immediately

Mr. Otho B. Beall, near Upper Marlborough Prince George's Co. Maryland. –

Exhibit Z No. 1. – My Dear Sir, Dayton October 10th. 1831. –

Mrs. Pierson formerly Miss Ellen Warnwrote to you two or three months ago by Mr. Gideon Beall relative to her and her sisters claim to a tract of land given to them by their grand father and is much disappointed in not receiving your answer. She has repeatedly requested me to write to you, stating to me that she believed you were disposed to see her and her sisters correctly dealt by – They are my dear Sir as you know orphan children and ask of you as one of the executors to see that they get what their grand – left them to do this will give you but little trouble and will be rendering but an act of justice to them; Justice not only requires this at your hands but

the laws require it, and you render yourself individually liable if you neglect it. Be so good as to write to me immediately by mail and inform me the state of this claim and when it will be settled &c. – Let me remark that it is in your power to adjust this business and pay the heirs off as fast as they come of age, by which means you will save me the unpleasantness of protecting their myself – To a good man there can be no act more grateful than the protection of the just claim of distant female orphans; and they are your cousins! – I am very respectfully your obt. friend

Mr. Otho B. Beall, near Upper Marlborough Prince George Co. Md. – Henry A. Pierson. –

No. 2. Dear Cousin, Dayton July 20th. 1832. –

I am, as you have probably heard married and settled in this place, Dayton is a pleasant and flourishing – Mr. Pierson and myself are at present living with his father and mother quite aged persons; and in view my situation as very pleasant though the pecuniary situation and circumstances of Mr. P – are moderate – My dear Cousin I wish to trouble you a little in relation to the small claim my sisters and myself have to the tract of land left to us by our Grand father – It is my dear cousin almost the only property I have in this world, and you are almost the only person I can confidently look to to see that us orphan children are correctly dealt by – It would be difficult for Mr. Pierson and myself to visit Maryland for sometime, I must therefore my dear cousin, urge you to attend to this matter for me – As I am satisfied you feel disposed to do all you can to hasten a settlement, it can hardly be necessary to remind you of your liability as executor to attend to this business, Mr. Mundell is have understood is since his wife's death dissipated; and I would wish him not to do anything in the business until I can hear from you, sister Priscilla will probably come out to this country with cousin Gideon on his return, I wish you to write by her or mail as you please, and give me a full statement of the situation of this property, cousin Benjamin told me he had understood that uncle John owed John T. Berry who is – possession of the land and proposed settling with the heirs himself; but that will not do, for if he was to get the proceeds there is no knowing that the heirs would ever get anything and you would be left responsible as a co-executor to grand fathers estate, suffer me again to urge you to write to me immediately respecting it. Please inquire of John T. Berry whether he would pay for my portion of the land if I should give him a quit claim deed to it, which lawyers have told me might be done, your attention to what I have written will much oblige me, give my love to sister Deborah and tell her I want to see her very much, remember me affectionately to cousin Mary – Mr. Pierson desires his respect to you all – I am affectionately your kousin – Ellen Pierson. –

P. S. In your answer please – whether Mr. Mundell has done anything in the business or not. –

Mr. Otho B. Beall, near Upper Marlborough Prince George Co.

No. 3. Dear Sir, Dayton December 30th 1833. –

I have written repeatedly to you on the subject of my wife's claim, and in my last letter (I believe it was) I made out what it was believed a fair statement of the business, and at the same time requested you to write to me and if you thought there was inaccuracy in my statement to let me have your views of the matter I should be pleased if you had done so, or if you would now do it. – You stated in your letter that you had $1000.00. in your hands ready to pay I have written to the Honble. Joseph H. Kerne member of Congress now in Washington City and authorised him to receive the fourth of the above sum to wit 250 dollars as part of the principal and interest due; and have forwarded to him an order for that amount, and also a receipt from Priscilla for the money