Dear Sir Calvert County July 28th 41

My mother Mrs Chew of Calvert Co will be very much obliged to you, if you will give her some information on a subject she has reason to be very much interested in, she wishes to know the state of Mr Fayette Gibsons account with the bank of which you are President, Will you please to inform her if it is not too troublesome, how much his part of his fathers estate was answerable for How much has been paid and what remains to be done in order to settle the business, By writing immediately to Mrs Chew, Huntington Calvert and answering the above inquiries you will greatly oblige her and

Your obt Servt
Ino H Chew

William Hughlett Esq
Prest of the Farmers Bank.
Easton Md

Calvert County Sept 13th 1843.

To the President & Directors
Of the Farmers Bank of Easton

Gentlemen. I hope you will have the goodness to excuse my intruding myself upon your notice, Be assured it is with the utmost reluctance and only because I feel that the Continuance (to a large and helpless family of the means of living depends upon your securing to Mrs Fayette Gibson the part of Marengo still in your possession that I again venture to address you upon a subject about which I fear I have already been too troublesome.

We have not the least doubt for we have been frequently assured of it by the President, that the Bank merely wishes to secure the claim for which Marengo was mortgaged. And as the original claim was about thirteen thousand dollars and two tracts of land have been sold for it one belonging to Dr Tilton for five thousand and the other a part of what was bought in by the Bank for seven thousand eight hundred there can not be any very considerable amount remaining due, The object of this communication is to beg of you to inform me what that amount is, as this must be ascertained before any proposition can be made for liquidating the debt. If it should not be too considerable there will be an effort to settle it at once and secure for Mrs Gibson a title to the land if you are still willing to give one.

I have been expecting to come in person to see you about this business but have been and am still prevented by the severe illness of my mother and am obliged to resort to this very unsatisfactory mode of stating to you the interest which Mrs Gibson's friends feel in her and their earnest desire that her home should be continued to herself and children by the settlement of your claim, and to beg you to be as lenient as possible and give us the last opportunity of saving them from what seems to us to be nothing less than ruin, If I have now betrayed ignorance of business I hope you will excuse it in one who has been educated with little reference to the affairs of this world and I know that as men you will pardon my being troublesome in a case involving such interests as that upon which I am now addressing you, Please to give a candid consideration to what I have said and favor me with your reply at as early a period as possible

I have the honour to be dear Sir very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Ino H Chew

The President & Directors of the Farmers Bank Easton Talbot County Md

And afterwards to wit on the 7th day of December 1848 the Chancellor passed his Decree in the said cause which was duly enrolled in the words following to wit,

Samuel Chew Exr of Rebecca Gibson
vs
The President &c of the Farmers Bank of Md

In Chancery
December Term 1848.

The late Jacob Gibson by his will executed on the 29th of November 1817 and proved on the 13th of January 1818 makes the following provision for his wife Rebecca Gibson in lieu of, and in full satisfaction for her dower and thirds in his real and personal estate" I give and bequeath unto my wife Rebecca Gibson for and during the time she may remain my widow and no longer, the use occupation and enjoyment, of one moiety or half part of my dwelling House, or one half part or moiety of the dwelling house bequeathed to my son Fayette, which I purchased of the Hughes and lying in Miles River neck; and also one half of the use of the Kitchen Garden and out Houses belonging to either of the aforesaid farms, whichever she may choose at any time, or during her widowhood aforesaid anything in this will to the contrary notwithstanding, The will then directs Edward R Gibson and Fayette Gibson the sons of the testator to furnish the widow with fire wood; bequeaths her some slaves for life certain articles of furniture horses cows the privilege of pasturage on the plantation upon which she may live, and the use of the stables and provender of all kinds and then after some other bequests to other persons the will proceeds – I give and bequeath unto my wife Rebecca Gibson five hundred dollars annually whilst she remains my widow to be paid to her by my two sons Edward R Gibson and Fayette Gibson by them and their heirs jointly two hundred and fifty dollars by each of them but if she should marry, they are to pay her only one half of that sum equally between them.

To his son Edward R Gibson, the testator had previously devised his dwelling plantation called "Marengo" and to his son Fayette a part of the said tract called "Marengo" and a tract or parcel of Land which the testator had purchased of Samuel and Daniel Hughes, and to his daughters he devised other portions of his real estate, The widow elected to stand by this will which was duly proved,

It appears by the proceedings in this case and upon a bill filed in this Court by James McCormick Junior in January 1824 that the personal estate of the testator proving insufficient to pay his debts, a proceeding for the sale of the realty was instituted for that purpose which resulted in a decree passed by the Court of Appeals on the 9th Feby 1839 which affirming the decree of the Chancellor directing a sale of the realty in part and reversing it in part, directed that the sale of the real estate thereby decreed to be made should be subject to the rights of Rebecca Gibson the widow of the deceased, The Court of Appeals in their Opinion said. The decree of the Chancellor makes no reservation of the rights of the widow under the will of Jacob Gibson but declares that the purchasers from the trustee, shall hold the property sold to them free clear and discharged from all claims of the parties to the cause of whom Rebecca Gibson the widow is one, To conform to the act of Assembly, the decree should have ordered the sales to be made by the trustee, subject to the devises made to Rebecca Gibson, by the last will and testament of the deceased, There is no intimation in the bill or proof in the cause, that the provision made for the wife