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My dear John,

You do not state what has been done with the $333 left in your hands & Albert nor whether it is subject to distribution.

I regret very much that you should have rejected the very fair proposal I made you on the subject of the trustees, suggested by disinterested and able persons, and at once adopted by the Attorney of one of the heirs.

I have something very serious to say to you on this subject (and that of the poplar grove estate generally) but before doing so I wish distinctly to understand the whole ground.

You state you cannot ~~adopt the~~ "entertain the proposition, because the estate owes you $128 and you have no means of obtaining it" Please explain this. What $128, and why have you no means of obtaining it, when by your own statement & that of Albert there appears to $333 in your hands belonging to the estate. And why is it the sale to you would not at least cover this petitful sum.

This business has been prosecuted long