(Copy for the private use of Mr John R. Emory of letter from Mr Emory to Albert J. Emory)

Washington Jany 20, 1857.

My dear Albert,

Recd not until this day your letter of the 13 January. It causes me very considerable surprise and annoyance. So long ago as, I think, 1848, or 9, (for your accounts rendered previously give no dates whatever) you were made the agent - without - limitation or restriction to sell, all the ripe and mature timber on the Poplar Grove Estate, under your Fathers will. The timber had previously been advertised for sale in the Baltimore & Centreville Papers for several years, and the very fall when you undertook the agency, a public sale was advertised and as appears by your own statement no one bid.

Now after all this has been done, and you have had the sole & untrammelled agency for five or six years, and nett only $643 = you come forward & state that if the "necessary effort had been made this timber from the time of your Father's death to this time should have brought at least from six to ten thousand dollars". Do you mean to say that I have neglected or that you have done so? And if you have done

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