so what possible excuse can you have for not attending to it? And if from any cause you were incapacetated from doing so, was it not clearly your duty to have informed me that I might appoint another agent in your place?

Can you so deceive yourself as to aver that your agency which has only yielded $643= should have yielded six or ten thousand dollars? And this too in face of the notorious effort I have made both by private solicitation & public advertisement to sell the whole right in a lump.

The extraordinary part of the proceeding however is that you should have informed Fred.k (at least so Frederick writes me) that there was a large sum due from this timber sale, and which caused him to make a demand on me in no very courteous or fraternal terms. And yet when I call on you for the balances in your hands to enable me to make the distribution you inform me you decline doing it, as you are entitled to one half as distributee. Neither you or I are the distributors or the judges of what is due the distributees, your business was confined to the sale, which by your own account you have so managed as to produce but ten per cent of what should have been produced.