will be absolutely necessary for the Ladies to acknowledge their rights in this State. I hope you will make it convenient to meet me some time this spring with Mr. Buchanan and the Ladies in Alexandria and beg leave to press for an early day as I can not obtain a division of the Land by virtue of your Bond for the Conveyance. I have such assurances that I think there is very little doubt of my being able to make full payment when we meet even should you not be able to get the money for Carter's ~~Bond~~ Order — which I beg you will advise me as soon as possible. When I was with you Sir I think you expressed some inclination to take Tob.o and shipit — I shall have at least twenty hogsheads of your own make, lying at Romney Warehouse, the character of which you have heard and I expect between 25 and 30 more lying at that place and upwards — should you still be inclined to do so the above mentioned will be at your service — you will oblige me Sir by writing particularly on this subject as I expect in case you do not take it to dispose of it before we meet. Come Come in April will be agreeable to me however Mr. Buchanan's and your inclinations must determine this Point. The sooner the determination is made the better as there is no regular communication between this and Alexandria which may prevent my getting a Letter from you in a short time after its being wrote. I shall direct this Sir to the care of Mr. Tendall through which channel I think your answer to me had better come.

With most respectful compts. to Mrs. Lee

I am Dear

your most obed. Serv.

Philip Lee

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