Dear Sir

London 1 Sep 1784 1285

I wrote you last month advising that I had declined business in favour of my Grandson & Dedrumma & Clerk they have joined to their firm Mr Rider whom you may remember a partner with Mr DeDrumma's Father when you was in England, indeed my Dr Sir I was forced to this step by your agent Mr Chase threats, I did every thing consistent with justice to have settled with him and we went so far to ascertain the Loss I had sustained valuing it by Chases Estimate at £15000 this money which I dare say you will agree with me was too little, but rather than have had the smalest difference with your state I would have submitted to it, when we had I thought finished Chase showed his original Power and Instructions by neither of which he was authorized to settle with me but rather forbid to pay me or make any compensation for my estate Tell by your different Acts, as Chase is a clever active Lawyer I have no doubt but he will misrepresent their effect, we during our conference agreed to have it decided by the Chancellor by an amicable bill, while this was pending Mess Ewers and the Trustees of John Buchanan & Son brought Actions against me for £9000 Each for their share

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