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My dear Miss

Needwood Aug. 6th — 1785

I am honoured with your letter of the 17th of June, which I found at Georgetown the 1st inst. I should have done myself the pleasure of addressing you immediately after the receipt of it; but it was necessary that I should first have recourse to Uncle John Lee's letter from which Enclosure No. 1. is extracted. I perfectly recollect writing you that Mr B. would call upon my Uncle and settle his claim, and it is what he promised, — but at same time 'twas intended to claim half the rents which my Uncle received for Paradise Land with Interest, — & upon Mr P. Lee's informing me that my Uncle requested payment, I mentioned the claim I had for rents received before the possession of the Land was given, & my title acknowledged — Now it is to your judgment and candour, my dear Cousin, I beg leave to appeal for the of my claim & a full justification of my conduct — I think my Uncle's charge of Interest is perfectly just, & trust he will consider mine equally so, — especially when I with great truth assure you that I pay Interest myself, and my sister, to whom part of the rents are due, is in extreme want.

I first informed your Papha by Doctor Fendall that the land was in danger of being sold for a debt, &c &c — My principal motive for doing it was to induce him to buy or sell, as I had found from experience that nothing equal to the value could be had in the circumstances it was then under —

So far from intending the least disrespect or giving trouble to my Uncle in his Invest[illegible] I am with sincerity assure you, my dear Cousin, that to seize an occasion