Needwood Feby. 11, 1823

Dear Sir

I regret to learn from your letter of the 7th that our claim on the Major is in peril — There is little cause to hope for its immediate recovery, when such reluctance is manifested to discharge debts incurred in the ordinary transactions of business —

The amount due from him, I believe, was upwards of $400 — as I was informed by the Agent Mr Forrest that the sum apportioned was $58 to each of the seven composing the Association — yourself, Messrs Mason, Dall, Washington, Forrest, William and myself. — I had retired to bed some hours before the affairs of the concern were closed and was informed of this result the next morning — Mr Washington & myself did certainly express the wish that you would be kind enough to receive or arrange the sums respectively due to us — and Mr Mason I think united in the same request — The other gentlemen also very probably agreed to the arrangement —

With great respect
Dear Sir
Yrs faithfully D. Lee

Col. John McPherson
Frederick

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