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Dumbarton Ely.

Sir,

Above you have copy of my last respects of 1st April, which my long continuance at Bath prevented me from sending before.

I had now to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 24 April, which gave me great pleasure, by convincing me that you were so agreeably recovered from the late severe attack of your old disorder, and that you seem to be pursuing the best and most effectual course by strenuous exertion, seeking the society of your friends, of warming in continuance of the good state of health you then enjoyed, which I sincerely hope you will thereby effect.

For my own part, tho' I have not met the Advantage I was led to expect from the use of the Pump at Bath, yet I have obtained some benefit thereby, most probably that more had not very unfortunately caught cold, which prevented my using the water for the last 10 or 12 Days of my continuance there, while I am now endeavouring to make amends for by going over there for two Sundays (as to be included 3 times while there) of repeating this about once in every week.

But having been able to complete the business of the Stock concern, having to the unexpected interruptions I have experienced, (altho' I have divided the money among M. & R. Legates), I cannot enter fully on that business now, but I have the satisfaction of saying that I approve much of the mode of settlement you have adopted, and as far as I have gone paid everything correct.

I have but one object, now that makes much on my mind, which is the Settlement of T. D. Green's Bonds, for while those remain outstanding, I cannot obtain...
The Deed of General Release for you and me, which is the only way of effectually preventing a claim from any of the Legates, that they or their representatives ever get interested, when they have spent all their money, and put their affairs into the hands of a pesty faggot of religious attorney; since signing the account of acknowledgment, underhand, which they have invariably done, as well as the Receipts regularly as by Law required, would not prevent the institution of a baneful suit; that it may rebut the effects of it when shewn in the manner you or I might direct, yet such a thing, if our institutions might prove troublesome and expensive to our successors, who are not to well acquainted with all the circumstances, and therefore carry any desires of having that debt closed, in any manner that is practicable, so as to bring an early payment for the whole at once, when it continues required. Deed (which woulde preclude any suit) before the money should be paid, and whith by coming altogether, wou'd, lest to such a sum as would induce the suspicions and ignorant part of them (the only ones who are ever likely to be anyways troublesome) to grant it, when of the remaining rebellion is made to me in Brattle, or only part thereof at a time (which favours wish to adhere to the Act) when it is seen, come long term of life different amount they may not be to acquire all it, and the inducement to give the federal discharge is thereby much lessened. Besides this, they would be requiring a division of these partial Remittances after they me in my hands, and
which, I could not wishpropriety require dividing among them, as they come to hand of which would occasion the charge to me at every settlement; as would occur at the final one; which under the regulations of the present Laws I assure you is not a little time. Every Receipt after the payment is made, must be sent to London to be stamp'd. I shall therefore hope by an early conveyance to hear what probability there may be of closing that transaction by any of the means formerly suggested for putting it together. Until that can be done, wish you occasionally to write me a few lines, in a separate letter (independent of our other affairs that may produce it if necessary) informing me of what prospects has been made in the recovery of foresaid bonds, or if nothing has been done, saying what means have been pursued, or what hopes you may have of finally setting them free for them. And when you have best all that can be got, pray let it be accompanied by a certificate or attestation that nothing more can ever be obtained therefrom.

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As having wrote you what seems to them respecting a Parker's affairs, and their other matters, leaves me at present nothing more to add, but to assure of the sincerity with which I am

Sir, I wish with that you;

and W. Powell may carry your intentions of going to S. Elizabeths.

(F.Y. Mr. C. & C.)
Into execution, being sensible that your presence would be
of essential service in expediting or promoting the business
of banking affairs; and perhaps might tend to bring
Greene's business to some kind of a conclusion.

Have heard nothing further about the Spring Estate.

[Signature]

Green Bank
6 July 1816