

My Dear Sir

Washington 4th May 1844

I recd your obliging letter informing me of the successful issue of the suit with Mr. Humphreys heirs, and a statement of the amount of the debt. I received also a letter from my son informing me of its issue. I wrote to him conveying an authority to receive the part belonging to Mrs. Brown's Estate, and transmitting a receipt for \$500 to you for my fee for arguing the cause at the former term &c. I think it would be better for you to deduct your own fee, my fee, & \$250 as a fee to my son, and divide the net balance equally between the two Estates, paying over to my son the portion coming to Mrs. Brown's Estate. Mr. Mason Brown expressed his satisfaction with my charge, and I am persuaded will be satisfied with the above arrangement of the account.

Upon my return home I will consult with the parties concerned as to the disposal of the house in Custom House Street, the ~~lot~~ Washida lands &c and write to you.

I passed some very agreeable time with your brothers at Columbia. I bore the fatigues of my arduous journey much better than I feared.

I am with great respect,
Yrs faithfully & truly

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