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My Dear Brother

I believe I mentioned to you last summer that I some year and a half ago instituted a suit on behalf of you and Edward in New Orleans -

Featman Woods & Co sold a piece of my fathers property under a judgment they held against him, bid it in themselves at about \$18000 over and above their judgment, this sum they hold subject to the decision of the courts -

There are five parties claiming it from them - Isaac Dyer S W Denton, J M Bache (my fathers administrator in La) the heirs of J R Pulley (the original owner of the property) and myself on your behalf (nominally W L C Charbonne under tutor).

The District Court has recently decided that the heirs of Pulley are entitled to hold the money until it is settled who it belongs to, specially reserving our rights - this virtually throws the balance out, and I have every reason now to have strong hopes of gaining it. I will send you our brief, as the case has been carried up to the Supreme Court; it will probably be decided by Gray -

I think of engaging Judge Custis to make a speech on the law points as he has great weight, and