

Annapolis Nov. 8. 1819.

Dear Sir

I received your letter of the 1st of Nov. Inst. respecting a claim that you have against the Estate of W. Bryan. By the Will of Mr Bryan one half of his debts is directed to be paid by me, and the other half by William Mason (and) Mr Hobbs. From an unwillingness on debt, I entered into an agreement in writing) about 2 years ago with the above parties, that I would pay one half of the debts at once, they agreeing to pay the other half, and to exonerate me from paying any interest that might hereafter accrue on the remaining half. I have accordingly paid upwards of four thousand dollars which is fourteen hundred dollars more than their proportion amounts to, owing to the circumstance of Mr. Turner's having advanced to Mr Bryan two thousand dollars on account of the Farm which he left to Mr. Pinkney, previous to the time of his taking possession of it. Independent of debt, I have paid Doctor Stocker four hundred dollars Annually since the first day of January 1815, which Annuity will continue during the life of his wife, or any children she may have. I have received no advantage from the property having had as yet to pay (and receive) nothing. I have been thus particular