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Respted Fr

I recd a letter from Dillwyn Smith a few days ago saying he was likely to be sued by Lanmaster for the balance of his bill which I regretted very much more so as I expected thee had furnished up this from the last conversation I had with thee at Burlington just before thee left for New England to sell Books. Notwithstanding the arbitrator found it necessary to reduce the bills for material & work done to house &c. it does not altogether release Dillwyn from the full payment of some bills and still hold him liable. Now if thee will not make any deduction Dillwyn will have paid or given thee more than any other person except thy Brother Samuel. Now this falls very heavy on him at this time as he has met with many losses. and further I want thee to take into consideration that Dillwyn's family & connections have done more for thee than all others with their money & accommodations — Now I think it justly due for thee to go forward at once and pay Lanmaster ~~his~~ after getting him to deduct from his bill any amount he is willing, it is possible the matter take half of ~~so much better~~ Now Peter as a friend I would advise thee to attend to the above too-morrow morning without faile as I should be very sorry for thee to loose the interest of thy best friends and injure the cause of freedom for the slave —

Your thy friend
H. P. Ely

N.B.

I forgot to mention about the painting Bill who is very urgent for payment which I hope thee see to soon &c
H. P. Ely