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Anthony Morris
Esteemed friend

Waterford 9th 1796

I duly received thy letter dated 5th 9th last acknowledging the receipt of a Bill on Edm^d Prior for Twenty Guineas which I sent under cover to my valued friend thy father in law James Perceval in order to defray the expence of prosecuting a suit against Mary Bidwell for recovery of the property of W^m Bidwell deceased, which he, so dishonourably, unjustly & illegally retains in his hands to the great prejudice & distress of the two poor women whose cause I have espoused & who are, I am convinced the legal heirs to the said property, & I was very uneasy lest said Bill might have been lost, untill I received thy letter, since which I have also a letter from thy father in law, dated 7th 10th last advising me the cause of the delay is obvious as well as in proceeding to bring the affair to issue, but a summary it would now be proceeded in without delay which is very satisfactory & I make no doubt but if proper exertions are used; Mary Bidwell will not only have to refund the money; but this character will also be placed in a point of view, that will not reflect much credit on it.

Should the business terminate agreeable to justice, then sent authorized by the power of Attorney executed to this to receive & give a legal discharge for it, & in such case I make no doubt of my remitting the sum to some agreeable to former direction in good bills of exchange on London in order that I may as speedily as possible pay it to the two poor women & extricate them from their present state of Poverty & Distress.

I had intention when my valued friend Nich^l Malone of yours

city was an arduous visit here to lay the matter before him; but
his stay was so short it did not afford me the opportunity; however
I wrote him to London on the subject; When my letter got there he was
very ill & on his getting better he signified to my friend, that his en-
deavour, if he was forced to get home, should be heartily united
with thy father in law, Sam Conling Esq. to have justice obtained
if possible from Stacy Bidler; I wrote him again by this convey-
ance to remind him thereof, & I have no doubt he will do what
lies in his power to effect it.

I shall be obliged by thy furnishing me with regular
copies of the law proceedings; I need not wait the opportunity of
trading vessels which is uncertain, but write by the packets
which sail monthly from New York.

I am respectfully, thy friend

Wm. Thompson

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