

June 28, 1817

My dear Sir

Your kind letter should have been answered long ago could my Heart have been consulted - Mr. Harrison's advice has been most important as far as any thing can possibly defend us against the match less frauds of D. - M. - Ogden - The bill in Chancery gave that Time so requisite I sold an estate on the Susquehanna and a house in Paris for \$20,000 and \$50,000 This sum \$70,000 we were just about to pay D. - O. - s Swindling in the banks with - The estate would then have been clear - The day your letter came it was accompanied by one from Mr. Hamilton telling me D. - O. - s Mother brought suit against my son and self, for security my husband had granted when he got the mortgage on land half of which I found after his death had been mortgaged to Mr. Short - and the balance of which D. - O. - tried to cheat the orphan out of 2 days after the Father's death - My beloved husband died in the belief that D. - M. - O. had reduced his debt to his Mother to the amount of all his bank engagements - That his

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 Mrs. July 14<sup>th</sup> 1817  
 returned papers.

The Hon. Mr. C. C. Smith

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Lund was then selling by two Companies  
from New England and Jersey - he shall  
then pay all the bank engagements &  
have \$40,000 for his speculation -  
My dear Sir it is now ascertained that  
he was a bankrupt before Tudor came  
here, and I learn from Mr. Short that  
the \$20,000 were borrowed from him in  
\$1812. A Mr. Zedson left I - O execution  
the widow is now suing for \$10,000 - The  
Bank of America loses \$50,000. A Mr. well  
endorsed for him and had to pay - I might  
have put him in jail in January  
& paid his debt to Mr. Le May - This  
said by many "poor Mr. Ogden, his necessities  
drove him to all this" I learn in Town  
that he has made way with \$200,000 besides  
what he has made at the bar - Mr. Harrison  
and Mr. Hamilton advised me to close with  
an offer of \$45,000 for our Leizorne lands  
but I stood my ground and got \$50,000  
If I live my child will have enough. His  
dear Father's confidence in me was un-  
bounded and with my whole soul I will  
prove worthy of it - My labors are

very great - Mr. Harrison advised my  
making Mr. Hamilton an Agent - He  
married a half great niece whose Father  
came to Town and made trouble enough  
his son in law could not be paid suffi-  
ciently for his time and exertions - I  
wrote to Mr. Harrison and enclose his  
answer etc - The latter you will return  
to me - God bless you my dear good  
Friend! I write in haste, immersed in pa-  
pers, while my Darling finishes his morning  
sleep - With best love to Mr. Tudor  
& pray Heaven to mark you and  
good health - When you go to War-  
ster I will write again -  
Yours truly affectionate  
and grateful Ann C. Morris

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Admro. July 14<sup>th</sup> answered, & returned Mr. Harrison's  
letter, & the agreement with Mr. James A. Hamilton