

Sir

Metacapon Aug^t 31st 1838.

The message rec^d by Mrs Bar
bours from you, informed me of what
I was before ignorant. Namely
that my ^{father} was entitled to half the
interest upon your debt. Nor did
I before know that the debtor
of an estate held the right
to determine to whom any portion
of that debt, whether principal or
interest was payable. In a temper
of harmony & justice we were
willing to have suppressed enquiry
as to the rights of the parties & then
settled those matters at home.
My father has no right to your
debt & will never have right
to it. An order was made more
than 12 months ago to put it into
the hands of a Receiver for Smith.
That I arrested, - I declare say that
I merit the reward I have rec^d.

We mean however to take early
steps to recover the principal
& whatever interest may ~~have~~ be due.
That it may be placed, where
no difficulties will unnecessarily
be interposed, in obtaining the
interest as it may become due.

I am Sir yr^l A^t Serv^t

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