Montgomery Lamy 31st/867

Messrs Robt W Smith — Henry C Semple
And, Lamus H. Clanton Esqrs

Dear Sirs

I am sorry to inform you that the effort made by you on yesterday afternoon to have the unfortunate difficulty between Major Baker & Mrs Austill adjusted has signally failed;

With this I enclose to you a note from one of the parties to whom your note was addressed, the other party left hurriedly last night under the apprehension that an effort would be made to arrest them, & will acknowledge your Civility by Mail — Allow me Gentlemen to tender you my sincere thanks for the interest you have manifested in my efforts to have this affair adjusted

You will see from the tenor of Mr Harris's note that further effort at adjustment is useless—

I called at ten Oclock this morning at the Offices respectively of Messrs Clanton and Semple. & as you were both out I have taken this manner of communicating with you—

With respect gentlemen
I remain
Your Obt Servt
Ben F. Watkins

Deed at West Point

Genl L. H. Clanton
or Major H C Semple
Address