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Letter from B.F. Wardlaw to George Sibley, September 14, 1837

B. F. Wardlaw

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Sept 14th 1837.

Maj Sibley

Dear Sir

In your note to Father I learn you wish a reply to the one I rec'd [received] from you some weeks since. I have still intended to acknowledge it - however a few words to explain - I viewed the request you made of me for the payment of the Delinquency on the part of Miss Fulton's Estate more as a matter of form than otherwise - that you might discharge your duty as Collector &c and therefore deemed an immediate reply not so important - & delayed the time untill I might more fully explain in a personal interview. — I will now answer your inquiries. I am not aware that a Judgement of the Court has been had upon the Bal [Balance] of Fifty Dollars standing on the subscription paper against the Estate of Miss Fulton Dec'd [Deceased]. but whether such be the fact or not I am induced from my sense of right and Justice in the matter to protest its payment untill there is no other alternative. One or two words may answer for an explanation. — I do not think the Church under present circumstances are entitled to it. for the reason that its Temporal matters have not been conducted (in my view, according the spirit and meaning) of the Article of Agreement. And any departure therefrom must release the Estate of Miss F. from further pecuniary liability.

I remain Respy Yrs &c

B. F. Wardlaw