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Honoured Sir

I have inclosed you the Articles of Agreement drawn I hope according to your Instructions and Intention. I am now to communicate to you a Resolution which I have taken of removing with all possible convenience to Hagers Town - the Reasons which induce us to this change of Situation are very many and to us very interesting. the most important one and which includes every other is that by so doing I shall greatly benefit myself - Affairs wear such an aspect, that I find myself called on for prudential Reasons to make an attempt to procure myself a place of Settlement with a View to the Exercise of my Profession. I must endeavour to maintain my Wife in such Manner as she has been accustomed to, or at least to come as near it as I am able - as at present circumstanced I cannot - I find that the profits of Business will not defray the ordinary Expences of my Family - I am going behind - which will not do. my Capital (little enough already God knows) will not bear any Diminution. I must seek an encrease of it whenever I can have the fairest prospect of success. a Thousand Difficulties under it impracticable for me to settle in Annapolis - upon a comparative View of the two, many cogent Arguments might be brought to prove the former to be the most profitable to us - the more I reflect upon the subject the more I am convinced of the propriety of adopting the Plan of going beyond the Mountains - one Circumstance I confess had some weight with me - I shall carry my dear Henry from her dearest Companions with whom she would most happily spend her Time - she however has Good Sense to see the Necessity and Fortitude to submit to her Fate - her manner of Life and her Company must necessarily be different from what she has been brought up to expect - she however can reconcile herself to any Manner of Life or any Company when prudence bids her to do it - Industry and Oeconomy I hope will enable us to get a living - more we do not expect - if we should meet it, we shall be agreeably disappointed - we return you our best thanks for the Favours we have received of you since we came here - when we removed hither we were resolved to stay no longer than our immediate Interest required - the very Moment we could then settle ourselves we were determined to change our Habitation - it might be two years - two Months - more or less Time - regulated altogether by Events - No Indeed we are assured can censure us for so doing - it is the way of the world - and particularly prudent in us who have nothing but what we expect to earn by our daily Labour - We hope we have subjected you to no great Loss or Inconvenience - the Improvements are not damaged by our Removal and should any other Family go to the Ridge to live, such a House would be wanting - together with some others which we have built - Mrs Mc Clew have been acquainted with our Purpose - and I am happy in saying it meets with their entire Approbation upon a calm and dispassionate Consideration of our particular Circumstances - we flatter ourselves we shall have yours also as it appears so evidently calculated for our real Happiness - As I am about to leave this part of the World, it is my sincere Wish and Inclination, that no Misunderstandings may

Samuel Galloway Esquire.

Ridge Hill

Letter
Ben Galloway
June 13 1778