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Dear Sir

Having just been informed of Mr Anthony Addisons being in town and set off early in the morning for Annapolis and have only time to devote you a few lines – I have been confined to the house entire to day since Monday last with a mild scurvy sore throat not much short of a quinsy. I sent for Mr. Dorsey on Tuesday morning & he examined my throat and thought there was not much the matter but before that night was over there began to become more serious bleeding & purging on plenty has quite relieved the I have this evening a tremendous cough and it appears in some measure as if the cold had fallen on my breast in this matter wise delay on crossing the bay a few days longer do not expect to leave this before the last of next week – as soon as I can be able to leave home in safety I shall set to begin to see Daniel Heath and wish I had his hand with me – I fear his affairs are much deranged I see no prospect of any payment from him shortly the debt due Mr Ringgold's estate I want to have put on another footing when what it stands at present (a bond) and shall go up for that purpose if I know the exact sum due us would endeavour to secure that also. I received a letter from My Sister Lord mentioning wishing to know where I would choose to have my bacon sent when it was taken down – it kept very well last year in the Canal and would prefer having sent again or as much of it as the tub in the smoke house could with

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