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Baltimore, March 1st 1802

Dear Sister,

I am sensible that I am greatly in debt to you, and God knows when I shall be able unless I can ~~[illegible]~~ purchase some amiable Girl who is fond of writing to become my Partner, in which case I promise you that all arrearages shall be accounted for (you will recollect that I am writing in the Counting House) upon these terms I should not hesitate to become your Creditor, to a greater amount, and moreover I might add that no exertion of mine should be wanting to make the day of retribution as speedy as possible.

My Sister I's letter by Mr. Rogers informed me of your being so much recovered as to be at Dr. Murray's I hope you will be careful and take every precaution against taking fresh Cold. When do you propose having home for your excursion to Cumberland, or are not your plans ~~yet~~ arranged? I am doubtful whether I can accompany you, the necessity of my remaining here I find increased daily; Mr. Chew ~~[illegible]~~ is timed & easily alarmed and to meet our engagements in the month of May & June which are considerable and made during his absence, it may perhaps be necessary for me to be upon the spot. I should be much gratified by hearing from you frequently. I must go to the Point with a Friend in 10 minutes to charter a Vessel to carry our Tobacco to Rotterdam. Love to my Mother & Sister

James Preston

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