Anne C. Harvey notes 1994

Dear Mrs S —

First of all please accept my apologies for tardiness in answering your inquiries — 1994 I move slowly, and also have been much absorbed in the election, whose outcome greatly distresses us —

To turn now to your letter — I am much surprised to hear of Uncle Joe being spoken of as "the notorious Joe Galloway" —

Some of our old papers were lost when our house burned in 1944 but I recall a letter from John Chew (half brother of Mrs Saml Galloway) written about 1800 in which he said "I am "Uncle John" of the Eastern Shore as Uncle Joe is of the Western Shore", evidently referring to his popularity — I never have heard or read anything to make me think he was either a gambler or drunkard.

He certainly never married Francina A. Chester (born in England circa 1757). She spent her entire life in England with the exception of a very short while in her very early girlhood — She married about 1770 Robert Bensley an actor of the time of Mrs Siddons. Legend says he acted with Mrs S. — but I have never read any real proof of it — Charles Lamb in his Essay — devotes several pages to eulogistic description of him in the character of Malvolio —

Francina Chester, daughter of Jas & Ann Galloway Chester, was evidently very popular with her contemporary relatives, judging by the large number of namesakes — She was said to have been mentally brilliant — I recall a letter from Mrs Saml Ringgold of Tom's Rock in which she spoke of a visit from such "a clever young lawyer from Md, Jon Randolph" and I wished Fanny had been here to have conversed with him" —

She was unfortunately subject to attacks of mental depression during which she would be in a hospital — very probably it was at some such time that "Billy Lynn" paid her visit in 1836 —