Princess Anne Dec 16. 1837

My dear Sir:

Allow me to tender you salutations on your return to America and to express a hope that your ~~voyage~~ mission was pleasant and successful.

Some two or three years ago Jeff Tackle mortgaged the property adjoining to this place to Wm H. Johnston and J Lee & Co for the payment of $2000, which has now been due since May last. On calling on Mr Tackle about the time of your sailing for Europe for the money, he informed me that the property was about to be taken to the Rail Road Co for 99 years at a stipulated rent; and that the Co ~~would~~ had contracted to pay the money. He showed me the letter of Jeff Tackle to the Co and their proceedings on it, which fully corroborated his statement; and he