My dear Emory, Up. Marlbro' May 20th 1836

The meeting was held on yesterday for the purpose of choosing delegates to the Baltto Convention, your friend was ostracised, it did not suit the views of Col.s McCotter & Pratt, and their ~~[illegible]~~ satellites that I should be there, the latter was chosen, to represent this District, altho' it was known, that Gov. Spriggs, who also lives in the same District, would have felt gratified at the honor, and I absolutely sought it, these schemers presume their operations are very deep, and far beyond the ken of common men, but if I dont understand the intrigue, I will never again undertake to be a prophet, it is my deliberate opinion, that they did not care one copper for Steel, and they can't pretend that the people of this County desired his nomination, for there is not ten persons in the County, that get know there is such a man on the face of the earth, No Sir, I'll tell you the plan, one of our great men, wishes doubtless to occupy Merrick's place in the Senate next winter, he provided for, leaves a pretty clear course to our next great Man to fill Jenifers place in the House of Representatives, by the Constitution, as one representative is only allowed to each Congressional District, Now these sage managers knew Genl. Emory would not lend his influence to con===tinuate this holy plan, Steel may. If the convention here has been desirous to have sent a delegation to Baltimore, in which the County had entire and full