I am not able to procure labour — could I carry out my plan, I should have an income suffi=
=cient for comfort & the education of my children & be again a <u>freeman</u> myself — at present I am a slave & so are all here, who attend to this busi=
=ness, if that business is farming —

I have been so closely confined to my own farms since my return I have not seen any of my R. R. friends but once ~~since~~ & that was at a Mutual Meeting of the Academy & con=
=sequently have nothing to tell you that would afford you any interest — the work will go on but slowly in this low country at this season — Mr Poor was at my back=
=back place a short time last week — he is now awaiting orders to join one of the upper divisions.

What has become of our Annual Report? — I have not seen nor heard any thing of it since it was read by you, in Baltimore — if they have received it in Philadelphia I should sup=
=pose the Post Master would have sent it down by my servant who goes once & sometimes twice a week to get my letters & papers.

Be so good as to pre=
=sent me in the most respectful manner to your family & believe me with the highest esteem & regard. Sincerely Yours John P. Gale

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