Natchez April 4th 1824

Dear Sir

I received your letter of the 14th Feby a few days since; in entering into a minute detail of Mr James Filghman's affairs in this country, it would have pleased me to have had his particular sanction for so doing; you say you have his full authority for proposing the questions contained in your letter. I rely on your word and will give you what information I can on the subject. I presume you have kept a copy of the questions proposed; I shall therefore number them as you have done.

1st. There is a subsisting contract between Mr Filghman and myself, relative to the hire of the Slaves.

2nd The term of continuance, five years from the 1st of Feby 1822. Mr Filghman was to furnish not less than thirty five Negroes. I was to allow for hire, annually $300. to deduct $1500, annually, until my own claim