slaves within this State should have power to manumit them except upon condition of their leaving the State within a reasonable time and never again returning thereto for a day under the penalty of being subject to apprehension and being addjudged slaves for life or hard time imprisoned —

I give you these ideas in a crude form and hastily from having of course the details of the law to the wisdom of the legislature should it be deemed advisable to pass such a one — and now I in the house I should most earnestly embrace strategy give the same my vote and influence unless much stronger reasons against its enactment could be given than now suggest themselves to the mind of

Yours truly

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