Dr. Sir

It is entirely out of my power to assist you with the sum your necessities require at the next May Court. My real estate having become wholly unproductive, my attention has been turned for some time past towards raising up a more active fund for the education of my younger children, should it be God's will that I should be taken from them before they are of mature age. With this view, I have collected together every cent of money within my reach for some months, to invest in U. States Bank Stock and so much has this object engaged me, that I have this winter actually taken up money in the Bank at Easton, to defray current expenses, and they got hold my paper, and must do so until after harvest. Immediately after my return from Cecil Court, I will see you to settle over with you the situation of your affairs generally, and

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