Dear Sir.

Melfield Mar. 4th 1829.

My pecuniary affairs makes it indispensable that I should again call your attention to the subject of Emanuels lines; a statement of which you have below. It is my desire that I should receive it as soon as possible, I therefore beg you will use yr. best exertions to let me have at all events the Amt. now due. A circumstance has lately accidentally been disclosed to me which has given me great uneasiness, and which I am utterly unable to reconcile. In the early part of the year 1828. you stated to me that Messrs T.L.& N.G. had proposed to you to make an assignment of your claim against Lt. Lightner to secure them against any loss they might sustain as yr. security; but that you had declined doing so until you could consult me, as you had determined to secure my claim against you in the first instance. Not long after this conversation you showed me a paper purporting to be an assignment to Messrs T.T.& W.T. in which there was an express reservation in favour of my claim against you. Under these circumstances I have always considered myself as having the first claim to the lines of the Negroes conveyed in trust by Lt. T. and have consequently paid, not only my own part of