Oakland . near Natchez, Mississippi
4. March 1830.

Dear Sir/ I received your letter dated 6. Jany a few days ago, it had been for the Office from the latter part of Jany till the last of Feb without my receiving it* altho I call at least once a week at the Office and generally oftener, previous to the receipt of your letter I had been about the last of January called on by Judge Turner (Father of the late Mr Griffith) and S. M. Grayson who informed me that you had requested that I should fix a price on the negro woman & two children of yours formerly in possession of Mr Griffith but then in possession of Judge Turner, I saw the woman & her two female children the woman they stated to be about 24 years of age the eldest child about 8 & the youngest about 6 I estimated them to be worth $750 dollars & Mr Grayson has since informed that the Judge agreed to take them at that price & had given him his note at 60 days for that amount —

* It had been advertised & letters that advertised are often neglected to be delivered until Specially called for

I look back to the short time you spent with us with much real pleasure, I hope in future to be a more punctual correspondent, Mrs Turpin's health has not been good for some time past, it is now improving. my sons & little daughter are in good health, my eldest is still in Pennsylvania

Colo
Wm Turpin
Oakland Miss.
Mar. 10. 1830
Recd Apr. 6th

Colo John Highman
Melfield
near Centreville
Maryland

NATCHEZ
MAR 6

I have filled my sheet & have not room to say more than to express the great pleasure it would afford me to see you at "Melfield" but still greater to see you at "Oakland" I am with great regard
Yours &c
Wm Turpin