Mr. Grayson also informed me that he had very recently written you fully on the subject of your interests in this Country, he represents your business to be in a prosperous situation & that the hire of the negroes will very shortly relieve them from all liens that are on them, On the subject of your prospects of collecting from Mr Chambers I can give you no encouragement, I fear his situation is not improving altho he has been very successful the fall & Winter past on the Turf but I doubt if that adds much to his capital, or ability to pay old debts,

I feel very much at a loss what to say to you on the subject of removing your hands to the South for hire, it would greatly depend on a capable and faithful agent, In this part of the State, particularly this County I do not think much could be done in that way as the County is already overstocked with slaves, I have however made some enquiries & it is thought probable that a gang such as you mention could be hired so as to average about $100. round for that purpose I incline to think the best chance would be above this in the Counties of Yazoo or Madison both containing very rich lands and producing Cotton in great perfection, The Sugar fever has abated greatly in this part of the Country probably owing to their failure last year, It is said the Crop of Louisiana does not much exceed one half and that not of good quality, On the whole I think the prospect of the Cotton planter taking into view climate & situation equal to that of the Sugar planter, The increase of the consumption of the American Cottons seems to be almost boundless, So that I do not apprehend much reduction from the present price, low enough to be sure in all conscience:

I can offer no apology for not answering the first letter you wrote to me after your arrival at home from Mississippi I can only state facts, when I rec'd it I was unwell, I thought when I got well I would answer, I have read it with pleasure more than a dozen of times and as often determined that I would soon set down and write you a long letter, but you know procrastination is the thief of time