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Sir

last evening my boy returned from Natchez where he had been to deliver Jenny Andrew Truss & Debby and state to Spence M Grayson. I had kept them this long after their time had expired in hopes that from the representations which I expected would made you by Mr G Holliday of Chesterlown and Mr Pernell of this country that you would think proper to authorize me to keep them as here tofore Grayson to be sure had told me that you had written to him that he might have them for 10 or 12 years on reasonable wages but said that he took them at present only because negroes were so dear and had no idea of keeping them more than a year or two, from what he said I understood there was no positive bargain between you and him as to his hiring them, and since that time having found him destitute of both truth and humanity, I should not rely upon any thing he said. Your negroes left my place with the greatest reluctance and one of my women was in a transport of grief at their leaving, on their arriving at Natchez my boy tells me they were all taken and put in jail where I suppose they will be kept untill they can be put on

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