able property of her own, in which the child has no in-
-. There is no obstacle on the part of their hands. They
like the place, are proud of their treatment, and enjoy their
health well. they have besides uncommon facilities of earning
something to buy additional comforts for themselves. - Their
wages or hire, have always been punctually paid. In your
letter of Feby. 21 - 1833 to Mr. Purnell, you remark "their wages
also have been pretty punctually paid." Mrs. Clement desires
me to say they have been invariably paid with the minutest
punctuality. March 25th 1833 - Mr. Clement promised to
pay for your hands $400. Feby. 1st 1834. This was paid by Dr.
Clement, one of the Exors. while I was at Natchez, last December.
As I understand it Mr. Clement usually gave Mr. Grayson
his note of hand, for about the amount, at the beginning
of the year, payable the 1st Jany. following, or whenever the
payment was to be made. This note Mr. Grayson would
get discounted at a bank, and of course it was taken
up at maturity. Mrs. Clement is attached to the hands,
and they are to her. She would like to hire them as long
as they are to be hired, and to buy them when they are to
be sold. To have them taken from her this year, while she
is out from the plantation would both disappoint &
grieve her. They were all at the plantation on the 1st Feby.
when I left, and we presume are there now. They did not
wish to leave to go any where, and seemed resolved to come
back rather than to be carried to Mr. Grayson's plantation
of which they seemed to have a horror. My own belief is that
they would not go there. Mrs. Clement remains at my
house until October next, with her mother & sister, when
she will return to her plantation to reside. We shall feel
much obliged to you for an early answer to this letter,
and presume you will communicate its contents to those
who are interested with you in the subject. Mrs. C. would
be much pleased, if the hands are to remain with
her, to have no further transactions with Mr. Grayson
regard to them, as she is satisfied his agency will
always be one that will give her trouble. Let any one be
appointed as an agent who has no motive to get the
hands, entrusted to his care, on to his own plantation, &
much trouble and vexation will be avoided.

Mr. Grayson probably advised you that although the Chol-
-era, last year, prevailed at the plantation, and in its neigh-
borhood, not one of the hands hired by Mr. Clement was
lost, although he had the misfortune to lose some of his
own, and his own life, by his exertions in their behalf.

I am, sir, respectfully,
your obedt. servt.
Henry Orne.

Oxford. 19th March 1

Judge Orne my brother in law has
the above letter at my request.
Maria A. Clement.