Easton, 22d. January 1836.

Dear Sir.

I take it for granted, that you have considered with care, the two late Acts of Assembly relating to the Indexes to be made by the Clerks of Counties - The act of 1834 repeals that of 1833 in so far as it respects the compensation for the service required to be performed - By the last Act the Clerks are allowed the same compensation as for recording any other matter required to be recorded, But what compensation is that? Does it compensate for the time and labor in turning over and over again the leaves of old Record Books, and examining the names of the parties &c - which consumes so much time? Is it the transcribing merely or does it include a search in case "above" a year standing? My particular object in writing to you now is to obtain your opinion on these points. If a search for each transfer is ~~included~~ not included in the allowance, or if the County Commissioners suppose they possess discretionary power to allow it or not would it not be best for us to petition the Legislature to make a Supplement to the Act - and would it not be as well to endeavor to have the Law on the subject so amended, as to leave the matter of Compensation to the Judges of the County Court as has been done for Baltimore County - The Judges there have fixed the Compensation at

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