Baltimore, Md.
Aug. 4, 1834.

Dear Sir,

In pursuance of our agreement, I visited Mrs. Clements' plantation near Natchez, having previously seen Mr. Turpin at that place. On showing him a list of the slaves hired by you to Mrs. Clements, he gave me a written statement, that in his opinion they should hire for $800. Mrs. Clements and her agent being absent, I could do nothing more there, than merely to see that the negroes were well provided for and were contented, as you had promised her the refusal of them.

I met Mr. Grayson at Vicksburgh, on my way to his plantation, and as he was on his way to this country with his family, he would not return with me. As I was assured by many that Mrs. Clements wished to buy the lots of negroes, and believing that I could easily secure those in possession of Grayson to her, if he did not buy, I the more readily complied with his request, that upon an implied promise from you, to allow him also the refusal of his lot. Hence, I effected no sale of the negroes, whilst in the South.

Since my return, I have received a letter from Mr. Bne, agent & brother in-law of Mrs. Clements, offering $500 around for those in her possession, whereas I had asked $1000 each, and was told by his neighbor that

letter, with the wish of Judge Brice & N. H. Tilghman I shall desire the use of your name whilst I sue for the full hire at my own risk. That is, I pay all expenses, and if I gain the suit, the excess of the hire recovered over that now received, shall go to Mrs. Ann C. Tilghman. Letters will reach me directed to Baltimore.

Another specimen of Grayson's veracity. He told Mrs. Tilghman, ten days since, that he had never received your letter, &c. &c. relative to hire; he said he had received it, and it was lying in Speaker's office in Washington.

Col. John Tilghman,
Care to Wm. Hill,
Queen Anne's County,
Maryland.

Letter
R. Mr. Eve
Aug. 4. 1836

I have a favor to ask of you. My brother, Pryor Lea of Tenn. is now a Repr. in Congress, and will shortly be called upon to attend especially to Collections. Would you, if it be not asking too much, allow him to refer to you in his card.

With great respect,
Yr. ob. serv.t Albert Miller Lea.