Hagerstown Decr 27th/38.

Dr Uncle —

It has been my intention for some time to answer yr last kind letter — but my late melancholy visit to Cumberland, which kept me from home for three weeks, & business since, have entirely prevented —

When the last Dft became due, finding it impossible to meet it in any other way, after conferring with Father, by his advice, I drew on Col Wm. R. Stewart of Baltimore, & by that means met it — I have since been making every exertion to collect, but without success — I had hoped that it would not have been compelled to trouble you again, knowing the many calls you have — but as I can see no other possible means of meeting it —

Hon Gideon Gillespie
Sect of War
Washington
Dec 27 1838
Acquainting me to expect a check to Wm. R. Stewart for Rots to have been paid Government as per Bank at Balto
Aunt Mary
Thinks you
quotes Cousin Sam

Col Gideon Gillespie
Mr. Spencer