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Mr. McAlpin requests me to say in answer
to your letter to him that if you will pay about \$400
in cash and give him security here for payment
of the bal. with interest half yearly for 7 years, you
may have a credit for that time -

Mr. McAlpin having already encountered
considerable delay and expense in pursuit of his
debt is not willing to take security, which he may
be subjected to the same again - he will freely
accept either of the gentlemen you have named
and is very desirous of accommodating you provided
he can bring his debt near his house

I am sorry that I cannot give you a more
satisfactory answer, but hope you will be able
to effect the arrangement proposed

Very respectfully

Yours &c

Amos Brown

Mr. Highman Esq

Phila^a Dec 15 1826.