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Dear Sir

In consequence of the suggestion in your favor of the 17th received yesterday, I shall delay my journey till the next stage, and reach Centreville on Friday afternoon - I am much obliged by your polite invitation to await at your house the session of the court, but I am so pressed by several matters of business here that I have not a day to spare for the pleasure I should derive from your society - I leave home at great inconvenience and shall be obliged to return as soon as the business in Maryland can possibly be gone through - The course adopted by the Legislature is very unkindly - no doubt - the purchasers in Delaware will refuse compliance with the conditions - My only hope is that Mr. Cummins may take the servants off our hands - They are at present in a state of great distress at the forest - I must take order to feed them and to supply them with such clothing as is absolutely necessary - The news has just reached me and ~~as~~ I can communicate with the place earlier than you, by Mr. Cummins

Yours very respectfully

B. Chew

Col. Fitzhume