

been taken to compel it for if I am to be compelled
to submit to such impositions as these I had al-
= most as well abandon my negroes or at once make
sale of them at any sacrifice. I was further of opin-
= ion that I ought to receive better wages for my
negroes for 1834. than I had previously done in
consequence of the good price of cotton and of my hav-
= ing been offered a higher price for them to remain in
your State. This is now a matter left to your own
liberality particularly as cotton has commanded an
unusually good price this fall Thus much for former
letters. I have now to request that the Bal of the
last years line (say 1833) together with that of 1834-
= May be forwarded to me with as little delay as pos-
= sible which I presume there can be no difficulty
in doing as I ~~presume~~ perceive by the report of the
directors of the Bank of the U. S. that a very liberal
emission of Domestic Bills had taken place in the
latter months of last year. You will accompany the
money with a full statement of our Accts to Jan-
1st of the present year and also information of the
present situation of the Negroes and the sum for
which they are hired &c. to whom together with any
other particulars which you may suppose will
be useful to me. The servants hired to Mr Clement
and subsequently to Mrs Clements I was to have
\$410.00 p. an. They are I presume still in her pos-
= session. I should have been much gratified by
a visit from you last Fall as you mentioned was
your intention as it would not only have offered
me an opportunity of personally communicating