so dear as to make this a matter of the
moment, than it otherwise would be if Land
situated in the Potomac is cheaply mortgaged, and affords
plenty of Wood & Water.

For the further aid of your Plans I
have therefore taken Mr Fenwick with
his Tools &c into this Ship & shall proceed
tomorrow up the Bay to these Islands
and if they prove on Examination to be
as eligible for the purpose as I hope
to find them, we will immediately commence
operations, should they however offer
difficulties of which I am not at present
aware Nor do I at present consider
an Object as desirable on public grounds
as private.

The Spaces you have found
out to me, as fit for Posts for receiving
the Refugee Negroes &c. will not I think
any of them answer (as Mr Fenwick
will explain to you) those near the Town
being not only within Shell Range but
within Pistol Shot & indeed hardly
said to be divided from it. The Islands
Island being too far distant from the
parts of the Country from which
alone we find the Slaves inclined
to emigrate. The spot therefore which
seems most likely to answer for the
several Objects in View is the Island or
rather Islands situated nearly in the

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