Annapolis 15th Mar 1834

Dear Sir, Your esteemed favour rec'd some weeks since has remained unanswered until the present time, in consequence of constant engagements which have left me no time for what was not indispensably necessary correspondence — The provision which you suggested was in the bill you wrote to me respecting, was not in the bill, but I added a proviso which indicated in the law that the party owing the fugitive should be the party to pay the 30 Dollars. The original law to which the supplement applied contained the same provision & my proviso was only necessary to prevent on the part of casual observers any misapprehension —

We have legislated certainly too much on this subject; but perhaps had we done less the whole system might have

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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