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Pinkham's Retreat, Tuesday June 30th 1835.

Rev. & dear Sir, Your letter of the 8th instant did not reach me until the 15th, at which time I was on the eve of departure from home. This communication will be conveyed by the first mail since my return. I think it would have been for the good of our manumitted people to have been removed out of this neighbourhood into some other part of this state, where a better spirit on the subject of colonization is prevailing. Still I deem it better for them to remain with us, until those of their number who have gone to Liberia can be heard from, than to be carried forthwith out of this state & dropped down. I therefore accede to the resolution of the Board so far as Charlotte & her children, & Priscilla & her children are concerned, provided they remain contentedly with me. I can do no more for them than to feed them, & keep their clothing in repair, & that no longer than till next autumn. You have already learned from me that I intended to change my present residence. I am sorry to say respecting Shadrack that he has not been with me since he first left me, & has refused to return & labour, either for me, or for Mr. Pinkham, since he has been informed of the contents of your last letter. The other freed people, tho' they still remain with us, have expressed dissatisfaction that Shadrack is permitted to go where he pleases, & to labour for himself while they are restrained. I have no hope of this fellow. He will never, in my opinion, be prevailed on to emigrate to Liberia. Pennsylvania is his choice, & he has uniformly said, that if he could have his free papers he would go peaceably thither. He has once been within the limits of that state, at a time when he was hired to work in the coal mines in the upper part of Maryland. His choice is to go thro' the District of Columbia, thence thro' Hagerstown & so into Pensylvania. Now I have thought that he would be likely to do better in that region than to be carried to Philadelphia, of which city he says that he knows nothing, & wishes to know nothing. I should have endeavoured to procure for him his certificate of freedom & given him an opportunity of leaving as he proposed, if I could place any confidence in his word. I feared that he would

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