Mr. Moses Shepherd
Pratt Street
Baltimore

Dr. Sir

Cambridge July 21. 1835

I have just ascertained that Saward did not go to Balt.° but down our County in search of the Negroes – I have seen Saward & warned him that I should contend for the Negroes –

My object in now writing is to get you to consult with some of the lawyers connected with your protection Society and get their opinion of the following case – ~~a certain~~ James Saward (the above named fellow) bought a black girl for a term of years after which she was willed to be free – a few weeks ago he sold and delivered the said girl to a certain John W Satchell the jailor of our County who is notoriously engaged as a purchaser of negroes for a certain James Polk of Somerset County and others not residents of the State. – Complaints having been made to me I called on Satchell and he to evade the law of 1817 went before a Magistrate & made oath ~~of~~ that Saward sold him the girl he understood for life – On the faith of Satchell's oath the magistrate issued a writ against Saward who was taken by an Officer & at the request of Saward took him before another Magistrate – Saward

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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