servants of mine without these their connexions. If you think these views incorrect, I should be much gratified indeed to hear from you. Perhaps I might purchase these servants on a credit of a few years. But I should be very unwilling to assume the responsibility without a certainty of success in raising the means to pay for them through some benevolent individuals or societies. In the hurry of writing I entirely forgot to mention in my former letter to you that all my servants are natives of Maryland and are now and have ever been residents of that State. And their connexions, also, whom I wish to purchase are Maryland blacks. They all reside in the vicinity of Piscataway, in Prince Georges County. If there is any thing in this letter calculated to excite a suspicion that I am not as willing or anxious now to liberate as I seemed to be in my former letter to you, rest assured, Dr Sir, that such is far from being the case. I am now more anxious than before since there seems to be a difficulty in the way of my liberating them all as soon as I had hoped to have done. But I will not despair of being able to send them all off in the Fall sooner than then, I have now calculated on for the reasons already assigned. But even should I be disappointed in this anxiously cherished hope, those of them who are not then embarrassed, will certainly be at your disposal by the first of October. I think of writing to Mr Gurley at New Orleans notwithstanding the little encouragement which Mr Kendall's letter gives me to do so. But believing as I sincerely do that in taking this step of Emancipation, nothing but the Spirit of God has "worked

circumstances alluded to in my former letter, is rendered impracticable by the following circumstances. And had I been supposed that you contemplated sending out another Vessel of Emigrants before the fall, I should not have used the expression in my former letter that I would place my servants in charge of your Society as soon as the Society might be ready to receive them. And for three reasons. I am owing some fourteen or fifteen hundred dollars and know not how I should be able for some year to come to pay off this sum, were I to relinquish my interest in the Crops to be made on the farm this ~~present~~ season; which I would have to do, were I to act upon your suggestion. My Brother, however, who lives upon the farm and who now owns it is willing to assume the payment ~~of the~~ the above sum by my relinquishing all ~~the~~ interest in the crop of tobacco now on hand and in the crops to be made this season and giving him the use of my servants until the first of October next. Under these circumstances then, I cannot, and regret indeed that I cannot, ~~accede~~ accede to your proposition. But even if these circumstances did not exist, I doubt very much whether my servants ~~would~~ themselves would consent to the arrangement you propose. And as to the supposed effect it might have upon the Masters of these Servants one of them has given as his reason why he could not liberate a slave of his that ~~the~~ his present pecuniary embarrassments were brought upon him by his slaves and therefore it would be unjust to his creditors to ~~sell~~ liberate them. And the other is also ~~under~~ under the pressure of a heavy debt and this not brought upon him in the same way yet he has told me that it will have the same effect in preventing his giving up his servant man. So, to say the least, the supposed effect of your plan is too

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