Letter
Henry Dennis
To
Mr Kenny & Mr Sheppard

Free
Rev William McKenzie
Baltimore
Maryland

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To Mr Wm McKenny & Mr Moses Sheppard

Dear Sirs

I embrace the present opportunity of sending you a letter to let you know how are my prospects here I am thankfull to state that my health is pretty good & that I am still looking forward for a better world My children six in number are well and they are learning to read & write all can read in the Testament but the youngest ~~they enjoy very good health~~ I will give you some account of my prospects for a living here I feel satisfied with the country and believe I could make a living if I had proper implements for farming I have ten acres of land six I have undertaken grubbing & making a preparation getting a pasture ready I feel a desire to enter fully into farming & if my friends will render me assistance I may get along very well I have wrote to my friends at the Eastern Shore for some assistance & will be glad if you or any of my friends in Baltimore will render me any assistance towards getting a team and other farming utensils a yoke of oxen will cost here about ~~[illegible]~~ thirty dolls or fifteen in American Money I am getting a pasture ready in hopes I ~~can~~ may have a team I want to put a house on the farm as soon as I can get clear of the agency I am a little behind hand but I hope soon to be clear I make shingle & hewn for the Agent I want some Hackeged heads & Irish potatoes for seed or any kind of seeds you may think proper to send me I have heard that report has gone to America saying that we have sugar & coffee here I have not seen any the cane do not grow well & if it did where is boilers for making sugar we have plenty Cassada potatoes & Rice and will be thankfull for a little coffee sugar or molasses if any of my friends feel disposed to to send it We have been much straitened with American provisions flour is 10 cts & that we can seldom get Beef pork & fish we have to pay 17 cts pr pound & fresh meat 12½ cloth is also high tobacco is twenty five cts pr pound it pushes us very close to get along yet still I am willing to stay & look for better times I mentione these

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A. Letter Books

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