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Maltese Bridge: Westmoreland Co.
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Dear Sir

It has been the lot of my daughter, Mrs Judiet C. Washington, to inherit two colored persons; and (in order to prevent) another, from being sold - contrary to his mother, to a stranger - that his earnest entreaty) she became his purchaser. Her conscience not allowing her to hold any of her fellow creatures in involuntary servitude, she proposes offering them, their freedom, on such conditions as the laws of Virg.a prescribe, provided they are satisfied with the change.

The man who was purchased, is about 60 years of age. He belonged to the late Wm A. Washington. He was employed as a house servant. - It is doubtful whether he would accept of his freedom, being satisfied with remaining during life, in my daughters service where every attention is paid to his health & comfort.

Of the 2 others, - one is about 40 years of age - the Carpenter & Foreman of the plantation sober - healthy - intelligent & faithful. For the whole the most valuable servant on the farm. He would be an requisition to any colony, if he will but consent to leave Virginia. As yet he has not been consulted on this matter - his views - of course not ascertained. He was a widower but has lately taken a wife & unless some means could be devised for effecting her emancipation, so that she could accompany him, we fear that some difficulty might arise from this quarter.

The other person belonging to my daughter.

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