Decr 19th 1840

Sir I take this opportunity to write a few lines to you to inform you of the sale of my wife and children which will take place on the 7th of January 1841, or at private sale before that time, and I wish to purchase them and have not the means to do so I therefore beg assistance of you If they are sold at publick sale there will be a credit of 6 months given please to write to me as soon as you get this

Your Humble Servant
Stephen Smith

PS please to direct your answer to the Revd Zachariah Gillett
Leonardtown
Md

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