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Dear Sir

I have been working about this region for several days, I called upon Mr Hardesty to inquire after those persons Mrs Hardesty is the person interested in them for if they do not get liberated this year, they are at his property, they all consented to go and I have taken them [illegible] down 28 in number 17 children & 11 grown; but here has a great difficulty, he will says they [illegible] to work for Mr Hardesty untill they remove to Liberia and they are determined to stop with him longer. These circumstances I am afraid that they may bring themselves into some difficulty that may endanger their freedom. I tried to reason with them on impropriety of their conduct but could make very little impression on their minds. I called on Mr Beale & he told that man was needed to cut the timber & there is some other men inclined to go to Liberia but he has been left by will, but the person interested in him wish to untangle him if possible, but I fear he & friend was determined to see into it & they morning to see another. That is an execution