but the act was illegal, & that he would render me all the assistance in his power — tomorrow we shall see what can be done — but we desire that you will consult with Mr Latrobe — about what we should do — provided we should not succeed in getting him clear — I believe the Negroes have been dreaming that they could extract money from Mr Goodwin — your early reply is all important — as you know my time is very imp[ortant] at this time — General Chapman was of opinion that if the magistrate could not be prevailed to reverse his commital we should have to go to Malbrough were the court is in session to get a writ of habeas corpus to bring him out — he was arrested on Friday evening the 21st —

Mr Goodwin's respects to you and family

I remain, dear Sir
Very Respectfully yours
John M Roberts

Port Tobacco Oct 26 Clerks Office 10 o'clock

Dear Sir

Having no opportunity to send by mail at the time I wrote the foregoing I am just returned from Prince Georges County with a Writ of Habeas Corpus for Judge Key ordering the Sheriff to bring Simpson before him tomorrow by trial Court at which time I have no doubt but he will be discharged — it would have been a sad job if he had been returned — for not one of yoe[illegible]

Biddle would have gone — I shall have to go with him to the Judge along with the Sheriff tomorrow & proceed on to Calvert but I assure you both me & my horse is nearly worn down for I have been in motion since the affair happened — but the most unpleasant part is nearly over — in haste —

Very Respectfully
John M Roberts

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