Colo.n Rooms
Washington City
5 Jan. 1844

My Dear Sir

Your favor of yesterday is rec.d and I am more astonished at its contents than you could have been.— They have always been exceedingly clear heretofore— and I regret that there should be any departure from it now.— I presume they could not inform you when the ship sailed from Boston &c. inasmuch as I have not heard of her sailing, as yet. She cleared last Saturday & would go down with the wind. I have ordered the emigrants to assemble at Norfolk on the 10 inst. & if she is there at that time, she will be off in two days. Every thing is ready on board— & we shall have but little fright to take in Norfolk. Your Thos. M. Lock Winks I asked too much for carrying Md. Tobacco— & says the Chamber of commerce have decided that one Hhd. is equal to only seven bls. flour. So I have told him to go ahead at that rate— but have not yet heard what then he will do

Yours truly W. McLain

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