For this purpose we shall address our friends in Baltimore and request them to look for places; And we think that probably you could be of assistance to us in this way. We will therefore give you a brief account of them. –

The first one is a female about 45 years of age named Charlotte Dent. She is a very fine Cook and washer and ironer. – Her great fault is that she has at certain times been intoxicated – at such times she would be harmless and would discharge all her duties as usual. It is thought that in a new situation she would entirely abstain from this. –

Another one is Charlotte her daughter about 16 years of age, but a large and strong girl, a pretty good cook and very fine washer & ironer. She has a good disposition. –

The last is the woman – Lois Benjamin about 17 years old – a fine boy – good disposition with a mechanical genius – and it would be a very fine thing if he could learn a trade prior to starting. He seems to be expert in the use of tools and would make a good Carpenter we think. –

It will be impossible to obtain situations for them here as it is an uniform custom of this Country to hire all the servants needed at New Year and now all persons are supplied. – If you can assist us in any way to obtain homes ~~before~~ them, we will be very ~~th~~ thankful indeed.

I am decided to inquire, whether in case they should obtain places in Baltimore, their goods could be deposited for safe-keeping in the rooms of the Society at Baltimore? –

One thing more I may add. The husband of the old woman is a servant of a gentleman living near and it is very probable that he may send him when his wife goes. –

We shall be glad to hear from you as soon as may be convenient. –

Yours truly,

Geo. D. Cummins. –

P.S. The husband of the woman of whom I speak above is an admirable Cooper, and we think that all of them would be a valuable addition to the Colony. –

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