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Thomas
To Thos Davenport

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Frederick, Maryland.
July 1836.

To Thomas & Frances Davenport, their children and grand children -

My friends.

I have, until this time, sustained the responsibilities of a master towards you: Most of you have been born on my farm, and I have raised you all. I feel a very great interest in your welfare, and now that I have done all I can to secure that welfare to you, and your posterity forever, by sending you to the land of your forefathers, where you can enjoy the rights of freemen, - hear my last words, - lay to heart the advice I now give you. It comes from one more deeply interested in you than any other, and it is the result of my experience. If you follow it freedom will indeed be a blessing to you, if not, it will only be a curse.

First then seek to know Jesus Christ and him crucified. Without religion you cannot enjoy happiness in this world nor be prepared for it in the next.

Second - read your Bible daily, - and if you cannot read, get some one to read it for you.

Third, - Pray often, you have daily wants, therefore pray daily that they may be supplied. You commit sin daily, therefore pray daily that it may be forgiven, and in your prayers remember your old master.

Govern in your intercourse with others be kind, but never associate, intimately, with any one who is not pious or moral. -

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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