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Respected Sir.

No doubt you have been informed of the ~~[illegible]~~ cause why I had so precipitately to leave Baltimore. I considered the matter to be of such a serious magnitude as to warrant my conduct. You are aware Sir that my position in Baltimore was a critical one at the best, for I remained there even against a law which could at any time been enforced against me, - yet - depending upon the friendliness of my White friends, I considered myself safe at least for the time of my stay, - during that time I had been writing to my friends in Charleston, holding up Baltimore as a place far superior to Charleston in point of religious - and other privileges, and when I thought they could get along much better and receive more respect from their White friends than they could ever expect as long as Charleston remained as it does - also in relation to a man who had attempted to get away from his Master, - as you might have read, - this was in a letter to a friend who had written to me ~~[illegible]~~ apprising me of the circumstance In reply I made use of sentiments which has given considerable offence - the letter you know.

Unfortunately my letter was intercepted -

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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