and if Rodrigo kills Cassio, or Cassio kills Rodrigo, or each other kills the other, either way makes the Society gains for if this lawyer fails to make out to the satisfaction of the court, an unjust taking by the Sheriff, then the Sheriff takes his fees off; and if he ~~makes~~ gains the case, as soon as his fees to the same officer, the Sheriff corrects the as completely as under the first process ~~&c~~ so this part of the Dilemma is powerless only; the merits of the case being the same.

But ah! Doctor doctor (private) poor Celestie is married to a slave and he has sold her by him — I (not yet commenced upon the alternative offered in the 4th Sec. — saf=vouching Romulus &c. — powers eternal! what an awful state of things these poor creatures encounter in domesticity; but Caesar made the law, and "we must render unto Caesar the things which are Caesars". She may resume her servitude to be with her husband and children! if she ~~your~~ then freedom is a Gaulish and Roman heroics a poet's dream!. If the worst comes to the worst, I think we could buy her husband master to let him off; if, reckoning the thing should not be stinted to effect his manumission, for indurated almost as my feeling have been from the habits and education pro-slavery institutions inspire, I do

my last shirt to buy an hour of this time.

In order to improve this time, I am preparing to lecture on Monday night. When I see the Sheriff. I will make my bargain contingent upon your approval of the payment of the amount of his fee. You will see the propriety of my not committing myself upon this matter, as when you told me to guarantee the Sheriffs fee, I never dreamed of its being such an enormous one; and I don't suppose you did either, for you will recollect you did not name the amount to offer, I forgot to ask it.

I will write you on Thursday morning from Annapolis, and in my letter I will give you the ultimatum of the Sheriff. If it be approved write by return mail to Annapolis, and let me know. I will then come down, and join along with me your letter, if it be approved of. If not I will write to the Sheriff of Prince Geo. &c from Annapolis and let him know what we purpose to do. On Friday 15th I go down to ~~Prince~~ Cambridge to lecture to fulfil my appt there. On Monday I will return to Annapolis, & ~~expect~~ receive your answer about the fee. The Port Tobacco case I will take up next. You shall hear from me

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A. Letter Books

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