on Thursday next.

Yours very truly

Jno. P. Wells

P. S. Saturday noon — I open this letter to inform you that the "bugbear" has assumed a visible shape; but in my humble opinion not the less questionable in law. I have just seen, and conversed with Mr Dalrymple, who claims services by indenture of 2 of the boys until they are 21, for his pay in obtaining their freedom, and therefore replevin the Sheriff if I serve the legal notification upon all. I have agreed that he, the Sheriff, and myself, shall meet on Monday morning next to have an entente cordiale if possible; otherwise I shall perform my duty humanely & but firmly.

I will be sure to write you on Thursday next from Annapolis

Resply Jno. P. Wells

Mr. John W. Wells
Frederick, Md. Dec. 8th/48

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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