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Annapolis Decr. 13th 1848. on route to Cambridge

Dr. Hall

Dear Sir

In accordance with my promise, made at Princ Fredck last Saturday noon, I write by Thursdays mail to apprize you of the result of my labours, in the case of the slaves manumitted by Fielder B. Smith, of Smithsville, Calvert County, on the 11th July 1843. My last letter brought the case up to Saturday; up to which time, the Sheriff had not arrived from Baltm. On the Monday following I rode over to his residence, 6 or 7 miles east of P Fredck & saw him upon the subject of removing the slaves so manumitted. He hesitated about the price, and told me, that as the levy court sat on Tuesday, he would, at the Court House in P Fredck give me a final answer. He came at the time appointed, and said he would charge, 50 dollars a piece!. I then told him I would write to you to know if I should agree to it (I deemed the charge so entirely illiberal, and beyond any expectation I had formed, that I did not feel authorized to bind the board of managers in an amount so heavy) & if you directed me, by return mail to allow it, I would immediately issue to him the legal notice, required under the 3 § of the Act of 1831. While we were talking, Mr Dabrymple came in, and told the Sheriff, that he would not give up the boys

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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