claimed to servitude by him, nor would he permit the 3 remaining children similarly situated with regard to Mr Bowie, his colleague, to be delivered over, but that he would at once apply to the Orphans Court, & receive permission for them all to remain in the State. He thereupon applied to the judges, the Orphans court being in regular session, and they, in consideration of the children being so bound, by indenture from them, for his fee, in procuring their right to freedom, under the Deed of 43, actually granted to Dolly Griffin & her 5 children, permission to remain in the State for 1 year, from Tuesday the 12th day of Decr 1848! The Orphans Court, therefore having taken the case out of my hands, completely & effectually for the present, it remains for me now to inform the Board of Managers, through you, that finding myself powerless to act, beyond ~~their~~ the decision of the Orphans Court, believing that it was not the proper time then to serve the legal notice upon the Sheriff, notwithstanding the permit granted by the Orphans Court, I have concluded to await from the Board fresh instructions, before I proceed any farther in the case of the Slaves manumitted by Fielder B Smith. I have thus Dr, given you a full account of my initiative in this case: so far, it stands just precisely where it stood before I took hold of it; but, under your correction I would suggest that the following course be pursued. First then, let

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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