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Rev. J. Seys.

Dear Bro.

Yours of the 12th reached me on yesterday, and I hasten to write you by the mail of today. I learn by your letter that it was your purpose to visit us the last of last week, provided you could hear from me, in answer to your letter, previous to that time. I regret very much that you gave yourself so short a time to carry out our part of your plan. It would afford me pleasure to render you what assistance I could whenever it may suit you to visit us, but from the peculiar situation of the circuit it would be necessary for me to have a few weeks notice, previous to your coming in order to make proper arrangements for the prosecution of your agency. I live some twenty miles from each extremity of the circuit, and of course I cannot communicate from point to point as readily as I could on West River circuit. You speak hopefully of visiting Marlboro. P. Frederick & St. Leonards. These are all insignificant places in which you could accomplish nothing. Should you visit us your better plan would be to begin at Smithville and visit the churches and chapels in turn, making your way down the county. As we could more readily procure a home for you to live in Smithville neighbourhood than any other I could make provision to have you meet with convenience at Fair Haven. With regard to the Financial branch of your agency your success in Calvert will not be large, the most you could do would pertain to the other branch. However give us timely notice when you will come and we will do the very best for you that we can.

Yours truly

John L. Gilbert.

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