Having for many years believed that Slavery in the US States could only be abolished by the dissolution of the American union, I have carefully noted every event that appeared likely to promote that object — I have felt equally certain that when that dissolution occurred Slavery would be overthrown. I had began to fear that I might not live to witness it, yet it has time has come, and I feel sure that Slavery must fall — after that then God bless and prosper the American reconstructed union.

So Mr McClain a stauch unionist, if so I have been in error respecting him — ditto with regard to Mr Latrobe.

The Chambers family are reduced to a lamentable state of sickness and suffering, are absolute destitution. The elder son is barely earning food and clothing away from the family; the girl is living with B. V. R James, is in good health and well provided, the remainder, mother and children every one are suffering from ulcers — they are unable to work and would starve but for the charity of the community: they receive constant aid from us, but this is insufficient to supply all of their wants — your fear predictions respecting them has been fully verified. Chambers and his Mother are the only two who have died.

Our families are all well — Carrie send her respects to yourself and daughter.

With sincere wishes for your re-established prosperity —

I remain as ever

Yours most truly

Sam'l F. McGill

P. S. A large amount of Treasury orders, have been issued by the Government during the last six months, and there recently a lot of new Engraved Bills. The issue of both were based on the Congress funded remaining due from the U. S. Government. We have the promise here of the early drawing of drafts by the Sec'y of the Treasury on Mr McClain for the proceeds, yet I for one am afraid that in some way or other the funds in America may never reach us here. Liberia is now on its way to the U States, and may possibly have the disposition to tamper with the funds there should any be remaining. Should it turn out thus our people will suffer. Drafts should (according to law, here) drawn by the Secretary of the Treasury and signed by the President — the President is always in Liberia.

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A. Letter Books

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