To the Directors of the Maryland Colonization Society —

Gentlemen.

At the suggestion of a respected member of your Board I take the liberty to intrude on your attention —

I am possessed of six slaves to-wit a woman in the prime of life who has always lived in the country and is familiar with the operations of the dairy and other farm work incident to females; her three children one a stout lad of from 12 to 14 years of age, a child of 5 years, and an infant; two very fine lads (mulattoes) about sixteen years old; one a capital farm hand capable of any work to which his strength is adequate; the other accustomed to the house, but also handy about horses and pretty well drilled by three years residence on my farm. Their united value may vary from $1000. to 1300 dollars, as I am informed by persons of experience; but that is irrelevant to the present matter. These slaves I am willing to emancipate on condition of their removal to Africa, and I do not think they would object to the change, were the decisive choice submitted to them between perpetual slavery and emigration. But a serious obstacle exists in the slavery of the woman's husband, to whom she is regularly married, and who is the father of two of her children. He belongs to Mr Lyde Goodwin of this County, from whom I understand we could not look

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