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My Dr Miss Margaret

You will, I hope, excuse me for not having sooner answered your letter - Since I rec'd it, I have seen Mr Alexander, who has explained the case to me. He seems confident of succeeding in the Court of Appeals, & I hope he will -

If however he should fail, I told him I thought we could make up the money to buy them in, at the Sale - and he thinks we can succeed in doing so. -

It is altogether a shocking system of per-secution, & I have serious thoughts of trying to [redacted] these o[redacted] healed, at least as tw[redacted]ts - [redacted] they [redacted] are enforced. - I am glad to tell you that our Colonization prospects are far better than ever - We have great hopes that something will be done in Congress - Make my respects to your father & family - truly Yrs F J Key

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Miss Bonnie
care
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