Dear Sir

Baltimore 7th Jany 1844

I had the pleasure of your letter on receipt. I should have replied to it sundry days ago but I have been confined for some ten days past with a pain in the side & the French pill of my complaint is gone, though considerably alleviated. Whenever protected with any tolerably dry weather, I should expect much advantage from exercise on the pension, very fast pick for a commencement of stock market, & very daily hopes from the commencement of stock market of your business at the Plantation.

The enclosed information I have of your business at the Plantation, which the newspaper contains, & what no doubt you have seen.

I have written Dr Scott to see & shut the premises of Maden, his wife. I shall write him urgently but in a shuffling, specially this may happen at the moment, as the late death of his old friend & connection Clay may bring the uncertainty, at least the termination of human life more fully before him, & induce him to do what otherwise he might defer. Notwithstanding this, if I find he does not comply I shall visit him as soon as possible.

I know of no news of importance. Meanwhile the family join me in best respects to your Mrs Bunce & family & wish you many happy returns of the season. Yours truly

John Scott Pitts

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