to ride over there and enquire into the matter soon after this, while the thing is yet warm that we shall be able to get a clue to it, and to recover most of what the poor Fellow has lost — The Circumstances, were these — Mrs Barlow travelled in her own Carriage and pair of Horses accompanied by a Maid Servant a white woman, in the Carriage, and drove by a Negro Servant Man, named John — who lost the Coloures — He did not miss them until his arrival here, yet such were the circumstances, as he states them correctly — that they must have been taken at Taney Town It must be presumed he hid them — he is a Freeman who has long lived with Mrs Barlow and as she states of an excellent character, besides he could have no motive for misstating the facts — He relates, that at Taney Town they put him to sleep on the floor with a blacksmith, who later goes to the house that is where he laid down he took off his Pantaloons, in the pocket of which, he carried the coffer, in which were his clothes — that the next morning before he set out he had occasion to go to his Coffer which was fixed on

on the outside of the carriage under the seat a while he set to drive, and found he had lost his key — that after a vain search he gave it up as lost by accident, and without any suspicion of foul play, that he so suffered the coffer to remain locked until he got to his journey's end — that he might the better have the lock taken off then, without exposing its contents, which was his little all, till he could safely dispose of them elsewhere there — when he got here he had the lock taken off, and to his great surprise and mortification found the coffer empty — he further states that he visited the inside of his place of deposit, after his arrival at Taney Town and found all safe — Now if these things are true it follows irresistably that the theft was committed at Taney Town — and most probably as he suspects by the black man his Fellow — who may have seen him go to his coffer — have taken the key from his pocket, when he was asleep — and after he had purloined its contents, have locked it again and retained the key to prevent the discovery, until the owner had gone beyond reach of him — I receive a description