if so, I should be well satisfied, for I see no likelihood of being able to make any thing of her, to be always whipping her is very unpleasant & even that does not seem to have the desired effect She wets the Bed every Night, altho' I beat her several Times for it, but next morning it was all one, this was the only Case where I interfered, but the Females say she will do nothing without some one standing constantly over her, & that they might then as well do it themselves. If she would be but tractable she might soon be very useful, but of this they seem hopeless, the Law of this State it appears makes the Maryland a Negroes free at Eighteen, that it is those of this State only that can be bound to 28, in fact, the Lawyers seem not to be certain about it Mr Welsh who is a kind of Advocate for them, says he has the Law in his possession & that 18 is the Limit, but that he has been authorised by the Society who protects them, (when he finds they have a good place) to sign the Indenture with them by which it is good; in this Case the obstacle could be done away, were she such as to make it desirable perhaps that Lady (Mrs Poultes) knows the way of dressing her better than I do I might make something of her, In case she goes back it must be on Acct of the Law as she would very naturally enquire why I did not keep her If you consider her mine, & can dispose of her do it in any way you think proper, & if the proceeds are to go to my Credit let all expences attending her be deducted, settle it in this or any other way most agreeable to yourself. this morning she was up first for a wonder but rather than go out, she made a necessary of the back parlour where we Breakfast Rose says she is much worse here than she was even at Home — hoping soon to see you I remain yours truly & Friendly