

Dear Father

Baltimore Jan 27th 1847

I have just seen Leroy who says he is come to find a master & will return to morrow. Margaret is pretty well she has been out every day since her arrival. I would have written but Margaret desired me to give her the prices of flour which I did & she wrote to Union Town the are at present about the same that is $13\frac{1}{2}$ for wheat flour & from 8 to 9 for Rye.

Since I came I find that I can make so little progress in Algebra that I believe I will apply myself at night to Arithmetic in the place of music as I want to improve that way, you will please send me the Gough as I understand nearly all in the Assistant which I have & I believe it to be the best mercantile Book. I have not had time yet to enquire about the Pencil master but I understand there are one in town. Tell Uncle the pearl spectacles do not suit every age & that they can be had here for about \$10. I had not enough to pay the French master with by \$1 which he will have to wait for until you come down. Give my love to my mother, Uncle, & all the family. I enquire about the garlic & can get it in any quantity.

Truly yours
J. C. Bernie