

Dear Father

Baltimore Jan^y 10th 1817

The ~~other~~ day returning from school I met Lewis I asked him when he was going he told me he was looking for a master. I having heard before that he was desirous for another master I never suspected him. I told him to call at James McDonalds store. He would get letters from me which at same he did, but too soon so that I think he did not intend to make a runaway matter of it, or he would never have appeared in Baltimore knowing that I was there. I have ordered the advertisement to be inserted 4 times supposing he is gone home. If necessary you will please to write me to have it continued. I met Jacob Hooten who met him between Westminster & Finks on his road home. I went to Mr Bochns in the County who said he had been there. I told them he was spending his holidays now as he had not got them before he left that on the 8th it seems with an intention to return home, he told Mr Bochn that Samuel R Smith in this town would buy him but could not tell him his price however I will call on him I say if he is inclined to purchase. Mr Bochn says he is sure he never will run away. Please write me if necessary, or the receipt of this letter.

I remain your affectionate
Son & Friend

M- is well