Dear Sir Georgetown 14 Ap. 1847

Received in due time Yours of the 27 Ult. but for an indis. position which has been hanging about me for some days, it should have been sooner replied to — I can't meet with any forty dollar Bk. Shares for sale there are but few of those left & rarely for sale by the character allowing 40 & Shares to be increased to 100 & Shares — the holders to receive Dividends only from the month next succeeding the payment — I did not receive your letter until some days after the present month had commenced thus you cannot receive dividends on any thing I might pay in for you but from the 1st May — consequently it will be a gain to you both to send me the whole dividends as I now do in a Check on the Frederick Town Bank as at foot for $371.20 —

I will be able to lay out put into his hands any money he may desire to pay Taxes on your lots —

I am much indebted by your good wishes in my new calling — It is true I am busily employed in providing pecuniary comments on national collisions — a good large edition upon which I hope to note reading for

Rec. Sept 4th 1847
Ans. Oct 1st

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