My Dear Sir

Baltimore 3rd Jany. 1819

Your esteemed favor 26th Ult.mo was handed to me Yesterday by Mr. Boggs, who got it in the Post Office - I suppose William Thomson did no wish to appear in his Waggoners dress - poor fellow it should be happy in seeing him on any Part -

I am sorry it was not in my power to make the remittance more - but the Cashier is not discount without Letter Indorsers - but I sincerely trust Tomorrow or next day will bring the glad tidings that Blind Fortune has been for once Kind - yet you shall see me in my true Colours - and Hector shall get the Diana & all the Hop Poles about Bear Branch shall be set in motion, I think I see Mrs B. and Tom with Poles in their Hands - even your respected Brother will drop his Crutch and leap for Joy - I often think it a pitty that there was not some Promotion for Men who could bite Cuttles in the Air - if so, our Mutual Friend Cancellor Reed would be high up - and a bitter Hand than generally is not to be found - It gave me much pleasure when Mr. Derby informed me of the Bridge being made passable - and that Waggons went over it on Saturday 12th Ult.mo It will be of great use to our Wants - which I trust you will use your Interest to promote - It has your Variance, but we done the best in our Power for him - I am certain

Bath Sept. 18th
Sam Carlton

Ebenezer Eggs
Bear Branch
Tommy Carlton

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