Dear Sir.

Annapolis July 30th - 1819

In answer to your favor of the 20th Inst. I have to acknowledge my inattention in not writing to you respecting old Nancy & Polly. I have mentioned to them several times your request, that they should collect together their little baggage - get into the Packet for Baltimore - then into some waggon for Torrey Town - and try to content themselves in your Family - The answer I received was - that they hoped you would not insist on their going to live in your Family - they had no reason to be displeased with you or your Family - but that they could not reconcile themselves to leave the Neighborhood of Annapolis - where all their attachments rested. & old Nancy said he could not expect to live but a few years - perhaps not one - & he wished to be buried in this part of the World - Polly says she is often laid up with the Rheumatism & can't do much work now - and begs you will let her spend the remainder of her Days where she is, or somewhere in the Neighborhood & that if you will please to sell her - she knows a man that will give Thirty Dollars for her.

With regard to Nancy - I would observe that he has been a good Labourer in Mr. Scott's Family - & laboured several years for me - he is now - I suppose 50 years old - and is unable to maintain himself - & therefore - I conclude being your property - his maintainance will fall on you & perhaps will be as cheap to you as it now stands as any way can be fallen on - He is not content to live - under the same roof with my black People - therefore I have indulged him ~~to live in~~ to live in a House of mine, I could rent for $25 = p.r year - in a cottage ~~of my Farm~~ - where I find he keeps a pig - some Fowls & a garden & battle - He is now very infirm & in the nature of things will not last much longer - to call for any indulgence

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To Genl. Maynadier

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