Dear Sir. Annapolis Sept. 11th – 1820 –

I received your favor of the 19th. Aug.t – and ought to have answered it before this. I wish I was able to give any opinion on the subject of your Letter that could be worth your attention but I fear from the gloomy prospect of our commercial affairs – the disordered state of our paper Money, and the price of our Country produce still falling – there is nothing favorable to expect for some time to come –

I should suppose that Major Jones. from holding a good deal of Property in this Town. would not be disposed to purchase yours unless he could get it on a long credit – with small payments to be made annually – Or to your selling for judgements. that is a mode I should not like – we have at present a Stay Law, and there is no knowing what extraordinary Laws may be made by other Legislatures – At Auction, I think, is the surest way to test the disposition and wealth of purchasers and I should suppose that if the price of Tobacco keeps at what the Market now gives the Month of March next would be the best time to try a sale at Auction. after giving 2 Months notice

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Dear

I would advise you to give him half a Bill two or three times a day particularly if he discovers much blood or has much strain ing or uneasiness in his evacuations, give him fifteen or twenty drops of Laudanum three or four times a day if he has much pain, his diet must be mutton broth very well boiled with barley or rice in it

Yours &c
Jos Sam Smith

August 20 1820