Sir

Near Gettysburg Aug.t 22nd 1826

You no doubt recollect my speaking to you about a merino ram if you have a good lamb to spare be so good as to write to me informing me of it & what the price will be if you send the letter to John Hixsons in Taneytown he will forward it to me Your compliance will much oblige

Your most obedient
Saml. Sloan

To Mr
Birney

N.B. If you want any weathers to fatten next winter please to inform me as I expect a friend of mine in from the western country this fall with a drove & I wish to engage the sale of as many as I can before he comes

in haste
Saml. Sloan

Tuesday Morning 3rd Oct 1826

Dear Father

The election returns enable me to say that the Free system of education is the power of this county & now the good folks will be more surprized than ever they were. If you can get the Herald of a bout 2 or 3 weeks since & you will mark the title Candor see my view of the system Mr Kephart takes. Your tax (even if in yr district you have no schools) will be upwards of $100 & more if you have, the state is plaguey poor more than it is worth that is the is in the treasury & a tax of about 60,000$ in addition to the last cut 40,000$ will be levied even if the treasury have the money & does not allowance the present tax it is tantamount to having a tax of that amt. St Johns College & the Balt College & the Irish Academy now sink to Elementary schools as the fund which now supports them goes to the primary school fund. However, as soon as the people from actual experience feel what they have done just so soon will they demand a repeal of this favourite system. The old delegates are elected Lyna some Rods up by mines & they are elected. Barnes was hissed here on Saturday at a public meeting frequently; he is a cona man Mr Maynadier is at Pipe Creek. I wish Rogers would come here & spend a day. With love to all human yr dutiful son
Birney

Washingtons majority in the district is about 277 so Lyna Peter Stake vote Lena no more ola pakers

Fredk 8th Septr 1826

Dear Father

I went to day to see the model of a thrashing machine, with the construction of which I am very much pleased: It can be constructed for a sum not exceeding $100, to be wrought by two horses & to thrash about 100 b per day & requires 3 hands. It is the most simple I have ever seen and can be kept in repair without a mechanic. Imagine that the fingers of a hump brake rise & fall one after another, that the straw enters at one side & is taken out entire & clearly thrashed & you have an idea of its construction. As the man who feeds & he who pulls