=bourhood on the point & friend Bayson who I find very well disposed. I often wish, yesterday I found out a whole Irish justice din one could pay my respects to him — I do not fear at present for the result but coming here a stranger I must have a little patience & I think eventually all will be right — If I find this week & next I am likely to get any thing worth staying for to do I will not go to Frederick Ct sits then in 10 days — 4th monday of this month — So far I have met with great friendship & good promises the latter just worth what ever they may bring when the chump is moved — He, I think continues well with a little pain occasionally in the side which I hope returning health will remove, the weather at present is unfavourable for exercise Flour I believe is worth only $4 —

If I derive no other advantage from my new acquaintances, it will at least give them & others that there is now in town an Irish lawyer & I find they generally consider that McMahon had run above small business

Mr Taney is now at Annapolis engaged with the Committee on divorces together with 4 other lawyers on a divorce case there pending Mrs Bell is there & she also as witness — It is the case of Barnum who married Miss Gilmor on reflection as I have just some cards to Emmittsburg I will send you some I suppose Two in Taney Town & two or three in Westminster & one or two in Uniontown will answer — Reisterstown & else where when I will attend to & when I go to Frederick probably will advertise If I could only get one 5$ fee it would so far encourage me that I think I would send Ten on the strength of it in cards, notices &c — I will write next week when I hope to have more agreeable news I have written to Mr Napier — Mr Slade & John Montgomery ordering advertisements in N York & Indiana but no opportunity has yet offered to send them I'm looking out for a private one to N York He writes in

To Thomas with whom I have some business in Ct has not yet returned from Annapolis I left the Crim Ct sitting in Balt which is yet sitting but perhaps will not be on my return I tried a case before Squire Bryson & defended a criminal in Ct who I succeeded in getting off on precisely the same testimony which had convicted his associate the day before — I got $6½ & that all I have to say about Balt saving & excepting that I have no doubt whatever but if I can hold out for a year or two I must succeed, Mr Taney was absent most of the time I was there — I must if possible visit you to see what I shall do with my farm as I suppose Frank will go away this spring but will write you in a few days again, He is very well & having passed safely through this winter I hope will be quite restored She joins in love to you & the family

Yrs ever truly
C Birney Jr

PS I hope Sentz has pd the $4 if not please notify him to pay on a fixed day & if he does not, warrant him — In my next I will send on the claim not knowing at present the date — I have the greatest part of the payment on my Emmittsburg sale since I came here, all except about $70

PS perhaps the girls could tell me of some private family like Mrs Somerville's who would take us as boarders