Mr Bernie - The inclosed was received from Mr Wm M Flautt, as may be perceived (respecting a girl, I informed him a few weeks since, you had for sale aged 12 years) which you can decide as desirable. you will be informed within of his disposition to move to Baltimore. He refers you to myself, but, I cannot say more than he is a merchant in Middleburg, but do not know further. If you feel disposed on his terms, perhaps writing to him would settle matters

Middleburg 23 Dec 1830
William M. Flautt

Middleburg va
dec 23d
Mr Saml P. Davidson
Private
Fairy Grove
Md

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Hornsdale 28 Decr 1830
Mr Van Bibber

To
Elsworthy Bernie Esquire
Hornsdale
Politeness
G Van Bibber

I intended to write you but in course I cannot I dont know what you may think, but I dont like his proceedings. Notwithstanding our calculations you see the required 30 lb to make 17 bbls when agreeable to yr calculation at 500 lb then should have been 18 & the day he sold he told me he thought he could sell it with pork (which I find the usual way) at 8½ so that I am afraid you will not be better off than if you had sold to the butchers - I pd $1.75 to Cushing for paper sent by Skinner leaving $8.62½ in hands of the $10.37½ formerly stated I have yr watch it was until today at the Defosses - I intended going to Frederick this Christmas but find I must postpone it to after New Years day as I had intruded on others money I wished to compute before I spent more, again on Monday or perhaps to day I shall have done so - I propose spending tomorrow at Ellicotts Mills with a friend of mine near there - I will send yr watch first opportunity - I presume you got my last by Edwd $55 & some cents - Have you done anything in the turnpike business yet, as soon as you are prepared I hope you will. I want you to get clear of all public concerns - Yours & I desire that you should not be rendered uneasy hereafter by any after claps, & knowing these things are no profit to you led me to wish you would dispense with them - Congress will not at all events under the recent message & the state cannot do anything for the road & if I guess should all you might have more difficulty, & now when you have the parties to the receipts about you is the time to get clear of it - I am not doing much but I find there is no cause for a change in opinion that all will be well hereafter - No one yet as I can find is dissatisfied with any thing I have done for them & altho' the income be small I hope it will enlarge

There are many farmers now barrelling for want of a market great quantities of stock have gone East, yet it is thought it will be up - Hl was well a few days since but somewhat weak from nursing a sick mother & sisters in the scarlet fever she is well however & I hope to be there after New year but certainly will not go to her fathers but will take her for the time to a boarding house. & in that way will work on the old Rascal, With love to all I am

Yrs affectionately
C Bernie