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I would have written to you my dear father sooner after my return but was waiting to see the result of my negociations. I got the Bank to promise to renew on giving another indorser in lieu of Mr V who had left the county — Eichelberger refused he did not state why neither did I ask him but I had charity to suppose that he thought if we had no Governor there could be no Ors Ct & in course a clerk was a mere name. I then called on Marshall who sd he would but that a Southern speculation he had in view would probably keep him absent from Frdk the greater part of his time & should he not be there in Apl I suit be brot he

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My Dear Sir, Baltimore Octr 11. 1836

Your last favor would have been much earlier answered but that I had at the date of its receipt written to Colonel Craig of Greenville, in answer to an inquiry he made with regard to the age pedigree and lowest price at which Brilliant could be bought, and thought it best to wait until I could hear from him so that I might give you all the information in my possession. I wrote him that he could have him for $150: he declines in a letter which I received yesterday, first because of his "defective" pedigree and secondly because of his age. This is the only thing I have had that looked any thing like a nibble at an offer.

You ask me whether Brilliant has earned his bread, and I am sorry to say that he has not. I advertised him and offered in the advertisement to give $15 for each low calf by good cows that he might have all bloody old; but not a single soul had the heart to send a cow to him. The $5 which I charged for his services was a complete freezer.

You say you do not for the season before alighted, wish him to come back