Frederick Town October 7. 1836

My dear Sir

I delivered your letter to Mr Mantz agreeable to request. Within the last few days, he has informed me that he has not at this time, any funds for investment, and that his engagements are such as to disable him to say when he will have it in his power to accomodate you - though it would afford him pleasure so to do. If I hear of any person wishing to make an investment I will with pleasure inform you. In relation to your church concerns I find that sunday is not a judicial day & therefore no legal act can be done upon that day

I am truly your friends
R H Marshall

Frederick 7 Oct. 1836
R. H. Marshall

Clayton Th. Birnie
Taney Town
Frederick County
Md.

My ever Dear Friend

My Long silence almost forbids My addressing you, but on this melancholly occasion, I feel it my duty, to seek the Consolance of my Dear Friends - after a long & tedious Illness it pleased the Lord, to remove from me the Mother of my Dear Children, left with me, to lament her Loss in Collemn Silence - The only Consolation we now have, is all that could be done for her was done, but ineffectual, she died Happy in God, without a struggle at her departure, leaving my helpless Children to look up to me, for their future Happiness, and while I am spared over them, through Gods goodness, to educate and provide for them here; it cannot be long; as my three score years & ten, have elapsed, and numbered; I must hasten to prepare to meet my God; through all the Changing scenes of Life, the infinite mercies of the Lord, has spared me, until this time a Monument of his mercies - I had this Post a Letter from William Shaw of Hallotts cove N. York, who has been a generous benefactor, to my two Eldest daughters, in this Country, and indeed a good Friend to my Family - under all

C. J. Nicholls & Co. the Estate of Benjamin Johnson
pr. Geo. Hunt Shufs & others Shall be
Collected — Cheerfully as usual —

Abingdon Harford Co. Md. Oct. 24th 1836
Hon. Thomas Blake Birnie Esq.
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