Frederick 6 Nov 1837

Has I not informed you My dear Father of my anticipated return I presume this letter would surprize you My determination was a sudden one & until a few days before I wrote it equally unexpected to myself & my friends. My reasons in short were these. I could not have been able to take out my family in the spring & to have supported them the first year as in spring I could only anticipate being in debt. The legislation on the practice of the law generally has destroyed the profession — There are there nearly three times as many Lawyers ~~there~~ as in Balto in proportion to the population — Society is miserable & about ½ of the actual population (as in all new countries) are who have no business for Lawyers) are labourers & mechanics. The construction of this whole judicial system is against the profession. I could not have been satisfied there for I found no one who was exempt those born there. House rent is 300 per ct higher than in Balto. Coal 400 Wood 300 clothing of every description nearly double House rent from 8 to 15 ₣ per mo — Marketing as high as in Balto I can live in Balto from 600 to 800 ₣ cheaper per year than there. Cash is the order of the day per week but none beyond a month for board rent. I believed I could maintain myself in Balto some time I could establish myself there. A good deal of business may be done there in a small way but you cannot calculate on being paid for more than one half such is the money

Fred K. 6 Nov. 1837
C. Birnie Esq

Mr Birnie
Tony Tom
Cumberland

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Cumberland Nov. 8. 1837

Dear Sir

During the month of last September I visited Hagerstown in Washington Co. for the purpose of closing the old business of Reid's estate. But owing to some family engagements, he could not accompany me to Frederick, but agreed to meet at the last Fred. Co. Court. I accordingly met him and the order of the Court was signed allowing

Cumberland 8 Nov 1837
B. F. Duncan

Colonel Thy Birney
Care
Mess Baltimore

CUMBERLAND

Nov 17th 1837

Dear Sir

Your yours before I had seen Mr Wingert and of course did not make the purchase —

Our suit was put off at the request of our opponents — This matter has caused great excitement in Chambersburg there has been two publice meeting on the subject of Sonant notes but nothing done

I sent Mr Owens to Philadelphia to try to sell the Corn Meal — it would not sell in Baltimore —

Respectfully Yours
J. Daily