Dear Sir

Fayetteville Dec 7th 1837

I was not well enough to go to Mr Wingets yesterday and Mr Montgomery, I thought would make as good a bargain, I called he went and bought the sheep for less than I expected — I gave 1.87½ a head for them leaving out nine of the worst — I hope Mr H. and George will get them safe down —

My Corn Sheller does well — Thomas Owings sold 400 lbs of Corn Meal at Baltimore for 450 Ct P.M. — which sale I was satisfied with

I have about 100 lbs more and could sell it at Philadelphia but it is not easy sent there —

Our suit was given against us we have put it to Court — we expect to get rid of it

I sent Tho Owings to Wheeling with the 1800$ that was got for the Corn Meal to purchase wheat he return on Saturday last — did not buy any but put the money in the hands of agents to buy for me — My business has not been so good for ten days it is easy to make money when Flour is rising and just as easy to lose it when Flour is falling —

Will you send me your Note payable to Jacob B. Wingert with Intrest for the Sheep — at 6 or 12 months

Respectly Yr
J Darley

Dear Sir

You wrote to me some time ago for a Country Clerkship Boy & I now send the bearer up to you, who is highly recommended to me — If you can employ him yourself — I shan feel obliged by your doing so if not probably you can recommend him to some of your Neighbours who may want an able hand

Your respectfully
Thomas B. Adair

Baltimore
20 Dec. 1837

Ellicott City 20th Nov 1837

My Dear Father

Your Note of the 13th ult came duly to hand & I am glad to hear you are all well in health — would that you were so also in the pocket but I hope all things will in time & without sacrifice come right. Rose went I believe to day of which I was not apprized in time to write you but sent by her a letter rec^d from Pigman which speaks for itself. I believe I have a statement of yr claim among my papers not yet arrived which will enable me to settle with him. In case I should not land me the amt due me in yr favour, the amt rec^d you date, nothing I presume will be for you except the balance on the amt of the decree. I have set out fairly having been rec^d by my friends with an unexpected warmth. I have the promise of some business & before I opened my office I obtained in cash $175. which with the friendship exhibited & business in view leads me to hope I shall be more successful than heretofore. Indeed I did not know the friends I had here until I returned — Mary is pleased with the views & arrangements of the girls I would be pleased if the boys were to remain with you until spring. I am looking for a house & anxious to get H Row down as soon as possible. I find the business I had in court stands just as I left it so I can be reinstated very easily. Marshall was not in Frederick when I came through. As soon as I can see Mr J Bitner I will have arrived your papers entered & pushing them to be able to buy a house a small rent until I can pay for it & I will be able to fix it to suit my own convenience & my family. I am glad to be able to say that whether providence allowed evil to take place that good might arise from it or not, but I am essentially in spirit in vigour of mind & body a different man from what I was since I became one. All things thus far have commenced well & I hope they will continue. I can scarcely expect visiting you before spring & I would like to make my next visit suit the session of yr County Court to become acquainted with some of the people formerly of Baltimore who will for some time in course have some remnants to settle here & might produce an occasional call there. I met & recognized at first sight Arthur L Magruder in St Louis a school mate at Mr Atchesons school he only recollected my name that was in 1807-8 Mr Grumshaw in Illinois near St Louis we corresponded. A breach of promise case was decided to day in Court damages $5000

Yr Grumshaw are generally

My dear Father — Robt Parker just by the Admiral has just called for yr address I not knowing of his departure earlier can only say we are well — there is nothing new. Robt says you know his people he supposes as he has some knowledge of yrs. Tell the boys I expect to send them something by Friday's Waggon. He tells me Dr Campbell of N A British A died of eating opium. With Love to all

Yrs Sincerely
C Bonnie, Jr

20 Dec 1837