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I take my pen in hand to drop you a few lines concerning the exchange of property. I had a conversation with Mr John Baily about the property and he told me that you were willing which was the reason of you not coming to town as expected yet I will make the proposal that if exchange you must let me have the all Rails and what is on the line fenced And as a Gentleman you would not hesitate in giving them as the timber on the land is not sufficient to make the Rails and give me such trees as will finish the wagons and six good trees that I can make plank and rafters the logs of the dwelling house that you promised I will clear out for the Rails I wish if can make the bargain to drop me a few lines immediately as the weather is getting late and I wish to commence to make improvements and put things in order if we make the bargain the rent of my property would be coming to you quarterly and you land would be lying idle to me and living in Frederick about 38 miles from the land it would give me a great deal of trouble

Dear father

Balto Sept 6 1838

Your of the 31st ult was duly rec'd enclosing the 2 letters which I have attended to & will have forwarded I have often thought of the Indiana profession, it would however take 18 mo or 2 yrs during which I would be idle & that profession is so overdone in this county that unless I would go to the W or SW I would be no better off than at present & then it is a horrible life unless in a large city & then they are so full it takes a man as long to get ahead in that as in any profession unless some wonderful circumstance brings him forward I would not be too late for it yet if I thought it advisable Buckler at the head of the profession he was 6 yrs living doing nothing If I were single it would be a different affair Anderson from SC has been in & as there is a family settlement to be made in Miss he is anxious I should go but I look on it as a mad scheme $1000 here is worth $2000 in a new country every thing is very high & the rush of health & young men are unsettled part of the country altogether the different states & tariffs under it in my view a wild scheme Rich men or laborers may go to the W & SW advantageously but they alone - Here is the sentiment which at once will show you the W in general cannot be better except in those two instances "Every thing is equalized over the Union" Here every is comparatively

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