than I at first contemplated - altho. it is cruel in the extreme to sever the ties of nature by the exercise of a power adventitiously possessed the same stamp can hardly be affixed to its exercise when those ties are unaffected - I therefore authorise and request you to dispose of them to the best advantage, for cash, as soon as may be, without confining yourself, in the disposition, to the bounty necessity absolute necessity will justify the act. - Let the notice be more widely circulated than it has been hitherto - I think they ought to command eleven or twelve hundred dollars at least However on that point you will exercise your own Judgment and discretion my knowledge of them may enhance their value in my estimation In fact something must be done and that shortly - I have no expectation of immediate relief from those Mrs. Sanifer authorised me to sell, as her feelings are totally repugnant to their leaving the bounty - and so are mine - but necessity - you will make the disposition of the proceeds according to directions in my last letter, and the balance you will retain untill farther advice Let me hear promptly from you and believe me to be sincerely yr. friend

Dan. of St. Thos. Jenifer. -

The above letter is thus endorsed, to wit.
Frederick D. Stone Esqr. Port Tob. by Charles

Then another dated Annapolis January 8th 1823 from which the following is an Extract, to wit.

You and Brown shall hear from me occasionally Be so good as to let me know what prospect you have of bringing to a favourable issue the business I committed to your attention, and believe me to be ever yr. friend

Dan. of St. Thos. Jenifer

The Letter from which the above is an Extract is thus endorsed, to wit. Frederick D. Stone Esqr. Port Tobacco Charles County mail

Then another dated Feby 15th 1823 which ~~next~~ follows, to wit. Annapolis Feby. 15 1823. Dear Stone, I have this moment recd. your letter ten o'clock at night, as also one from my Overseer, Franklin, the purport of which last induces me to write immediately, to prevent, if possible, the Execution of a Fi Fa on one of my negroes - Franklin writes me that the collection on Spaldings Books being placed in Jamie Weems hands, he ordered his deputy to levy immediately on the property of all persons

indebted - In consequence one of my negroes have been levied on, and will be sold on Friday the 22nd unless the money due, amounting I believe to about fifty or sixty dollars, be, on or before that day paid. - I have paid Mudock, the deputy, upwards of an hundred and thirty dollars on that acct. and thought I had an understanding with him, and also Smoot, that the balance would not be paid untill my return home, as the Books, however, have been placed in other hands, and such as I can expect no indulgence from, unless you can do something for me, the property will be immediately sold, as Franklin informs me the commands to Mudock are imperative - I think Weems might have given me notice. - You see the increased necessity I am under of having an immediate disposition made of the negroes placed under your controul. I have attended to, as far as in my power, the ties of Consanguinity, and when I reflect that the change may not be for the worse, but that frequently their condition, by being removed to western Country, is alleviated, humanity, I trust will not be made to blush at the act. - I was in hopes you would have been able to have sold them in time to remit me four or five hundred dollars - I wish'd to have procured previous to my return home, as much furniture &c. as would enable me to go to house keeping. - I apprehend that is now too late as I expect the Legislature will rise the last of next week, or the first of the week after, at farthest - I have merely time to inform you that the Hydrant Bill has not yet been called up - we have been waiting Garners movement in the business, as we act only on the defensive - I have less apprehension of its fate now than when I last wrote, why it has been thus long suffered to lie on the table, I cannot inform you. - Two or three days, however, will now determine its fate - I will attend to your commissions, and am glad you have given me an opportunity to cancel a mite of the numerous obligations I am under to your kindness - Present me to Brown and believe me sincerely yr. friend

Dan. of St. Thos. Jenifer

The above Letter is thus endorsed, to wit.
Frederick D. Stone Esqr. Port Tobacco Charles County - mail. -

Then another dated February 18th 1823. which is as follows, to wit.

Annapolis Feby. 18th 1823.

Dear Stone, My last letter to you was written in much haste, as it