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A. two years and a half.
Q. Where did you have the last conversation in Maryland with Mrs Chatterton the Plff.
A. In Maryland in August 1861
Q. Where did you have it
A. It was either in the parlor or her own room
Q. Can you tell which
A. It was most probably in her own room, as we generally had the conversation when she was dressing the Children after dinner after her house-hold duties were over.
Q. Have you any specific recollection of the place were this particular conversation was had
A. The conversation when Mrs Chatterton asked me to see Johns love letters was in the room that I occupied while I was there.
Q. Have I said any thing to you about Mrs Chatterton asking you to see love letters
A. No Sir
Q. Has it not been said in your hearing since I began asking you about this last conversation that that conversation was about the letters
(Objected to as irrelevant and impertinent as any remarks which have been made were openly addressed to the Commissioner by Counsel on both sides in making a suggestion that the question should specify what conversation the witness was desired to detail)
A. No Sir not that I recollect
Q. Who was present if any person at that conversation. I mean the last conversation you had at Maryland on the subject
A. I think the last conversation was about the

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papers and that no person was present except the two youngest children, Mrs Chatterton spoke first "Come Jane lets us look at Johns love letters. I dont think I answered her. I just went with her. She spoke again next, she asked if I knew Emily Williamson who she was that wrote this letter holding it up I said I knew her that I had seen the letter had visited at the ladys house and had taken the letter to Mr Chatterton the defdt she then said taking up one of the papers that was Johns deed of his farm. I told her I had seen that too before she said they were notes about Johns store that he had bought in Philadelphia, She said this is a California paper of Johns. I think that was all that was said as near as I can recollect now. I read none of the letters or any part of them I first stood beside Mrs Chatterton
Q. How long previous to that had you had a conversation with Mrs Chatterton with reference to these matters
A. It might have been a week. There was no one present except the two children she had not commenced to dress the children it was when we first went up stairs. I remember her speaking first about moving to Baltimore that when her husband was established in this store had commenced and got well started he intended to take a house for her and move there. I asked her if she would like that. Baltimore I meant. She said she would if he got well started. She said she would coax John to bring up his horses (those were the words she used) and take us to Baltimore and I could see the store and she had not been there. I did not answer