Dear Sir Cowsica March 4th 1832

I have deferred writing to you since your return to Annapolis because I had intended to visit the "Ancient little City." this week, and had made arrangements to leave home this morning; but upon my return from court last night I found my Uncle so ill that I cannot leave him. This unforeseen event will deprive me of the pleasure of my contemplated visit, a circumstance which I regret the more as I see by a paper which Mr. Brown had the goodness to send me last week that much of the important business of the session remains unfinished

I have rec'd. a copy or rather a synopsis of the bill upon the all absorbing subject of our coloured population I have not had time to examine it very closely, but it seems to me to be a very rough block which will require much carving and care to bring it into tolerable form

I fear, if the thousands of various and conflicting opinions entertained out of doors upon this subject find any corresponding feeling in the legislature there will be nothing efficiently done. In point of real interest I should suppose there is but little diversity of opinion, but the difficulty consist in