I have had no rest since my arrival & yet I have gained strength & health beyond my highest expectations I expect about Christmas to give my respects to my best friend Mrs. Lee in so much health that she nor you will hardly know me. I must take one more trip to the East but if possible I will defer it till Feby so as to start from Frederick. You talk excellently of the plain & frank manners of your neighbours pray is there any fair one who answers that description not less than twenty two nor more than thirty years when you & Mrs. Lee would recommend & recommend me to. I want extremely to be a husband & settled on a farm over the Mountains where I may meet that happiness which the bustle of the world will always deny. Respect me with the truest sincerity to my good friend Mrs. Lee & the young folks I need not add what you have to know that of your having the first place in my friendship respect & gratitude

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