Gettysburgh - Susquehanna Bridge Bank, Lancaster
Winchester, Leesburg - Hagars Town Waterford & Many
issued by the Bankers here Bank - Notes of other
Banks were in the Collection but I forget their names -
I declined taking any except those of the Director
of Col. Hughes from the Balt. Banks & one or two other
I thought safe - Bankers lately from Balt. brought
an alarming Acct. of the debt & failure of all the East
Banks, in short of all except those of that Town -
Beckenbaugh agree to keep the rejected Notes &
endeavour to have them exchanged - I proposed to
him to lodge them in the T. C. Bank & bring me
a Certificate for the amount of his having the Sum
of Dollars paid in here on my Acct. & that I can
subject to my order but he seemed rather averse
to make the trial, believing probably they would not
be received - do write me without any delay
what I had best do - Cattle are so high & had in
appearance that I dare not venture to buy more than
five or eight per day - the Bricklayer I spoke of
was a new Comer & of course a young beginner, the
loss he has sustained, two or $300 - as B. states which
truly or not I can't say but rather doubt its truth -
he cannot sustain the loss as he says & begs for an dedu-
tion of the Amount - altho repeatedly pressed I
promised Nothing till all the Money is brought in &
then I would consider of it - say wish to reduce the
price to about 50 for each - deducting one dollar from
the price of the 49 large the property of the Company &
one from the one of mine that was rated at that
price - which would be giving him $50 - in over
Measure from a Motive of Charity - I hope you will
have no objection to this - the Bricklayer is a poor
stranger without friends - we shall see
lose nothing by assisting him in the long ru
I have nothing to reproach myself for the Sa
took no pains to prevail on him to buy - he was in
& the offer was his own; I certainly expected to make
considerable profit - he said after the purchase, that he
should have been a Man at this time if he had come
ten years sooner to this Country - I am being called
upon by Mr. T. so he has been already very indulgent pray
take pains to see some of my Tons properly so as to obtain
Money for me very usefully

Jno. S. Ross

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