frequent manufacture buying - The state of your Market for flour, Wheat, & Plaster, was inviting to the farmers when you wrote on the 11th all those Articles were cheaper than Baltimore afforded them, but a marked change has taken place with you & Baltimore has again taken a commanding station.

On the 16th Jan. I sold a bunch of Sugar sold at 9-25 - Salt Ground Alum & fine brought at $1.50 & Plaster for $5 by the singleton - 3 Tons average weight at that price - 3 pipes brought by Jan. 15 bushels of Salt & to make up a portd cargo he brought 4 bushels of Oysters, they cost 75 cents, but are very fine - What have you done with Judge Miller's Commission to buy Hams of Bacon? my stock was examined & counted over within this days past & it appears that I have 15 Hams of two years old & 67 of one year so that I can spare the number he wants but I think you mentioned - if you still incline to buy I will inform me immediately I will select the best & send them to you next week - I think the whole number will be about ... &c. - Rechenbaugh has trifled with me so often that I am scarcely prepared upon his giving me the positive promise, yesterday to give time to endeavour with your assistance to get clear of his District Bank Notes - The Cattle drover demanded a discount of from 2½ to 5 per cent in payment for Cattle.

The price Mr B. sustained in the Cattle purchased was on 50 no more be acknowledged, exclusive of expences which should that deficiency by has been covered by one, if not two purchases of Cattle he since made with our money - I have not therefore allowed him anything as yet & under all circumstances, taking into view the delay of payment & disappointments he occasioned - the reduction at any rate should not exceed $25 -

If another opportunity should be presented of buying Cattle I would agree to allow Col. or any other Mercd Man to procure for a sufficient sum to buy 100 from $1000 to the value of $2000 & would be required to give

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The Hams are light the average will not exceed 8 lbs - of course they are well cured & the flavor is better 50 New & 10 old -

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