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Sir, William Grimes, who lived several years in this place, called on me yesterday and stated the interview he had with you in A. H. M., which shows forth the circumstances of his leaving A. H. and the ~~error~~ ^{error} in which he passed from Virginia &c. which was before unknown, I believe in this place, At his request I write you, and state, what he proposes to be willing to do, and what, I believe he can, that is, to surrender every thing in his power for his freedom. He has property in this place which I think may be worth 4 or 400 ^{fifty} dollars, he asks for it about \$150, - the balance I think could be had in reasonable time. He requests you to write to me your views on the subject, as early as may be and he will send to me by a friend to know the result. I made a very ^{particular} enquiry of him of your character, and his feeling on the subject of the return &c. He is married to a good woman and family of color he has three children, and was affectionate to them when I knew him and industrious while here in an unusual degree.

The separation from his family must be
painful. - I have given him this advice
& in nearly, as I can recollect, in these words,
"William, it may be your misfortune to be
born a Slave - but so you was by the law
which we are bound to support - If you do
not wish to return, you ought in all
good conscience to remunerate for your time
all in your power." He said he would, but
could not think of returning - In this view
of the situation it would be improper for
me to say anything, on the subject of
immunity, intent, and all the other
the common topics on such occasions.

I will conclude, by stating I think if
you are disposed - a sum of between 2 & 300
dollars, say 236 or 40, may be had - or it is
in his power to contract - and if you will
thead name, your agent, or for on a plan
I think he will come to the extent of his
power. I am with respect &c

Abel Cuthin