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Sir

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Your favour of the 2 Inst

is read & contents noted, when I was at New Haven
Grimes the property of Mr J. H. Melman called on me
& proposed to pay me \$500 for his freedom, for this I
did offer to put him in possession of a discharge -

all I can now say is If he will pay to Mr Wm H
Thompson, who I think is now in Hatchfield \$300
to come to be paid in 12 months the other \$200 I will
see he receives a full discharge if this can be done you
will ~~soon~~ please see Mr Thompson who will probably
leave your place in a very few days, show him the
letter (as I do not write him) & his rec^t will be a
satisfactory voucher - your letter I have sent Mr
Melman the owner of Grimes now in Alex^d DC with
a copy of this my reply - I shall leave this for Geo
in about 8 days if agreeable should be pleased to hear
from you before my departure

Yours
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