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Last night my dear Mother we received a most affectionate letter from Sam, and the papers announced the passing of the bill for 30,000 dollars through the House of Representatives. It is a load off my heart, I thank God in my soul that my poor grandfathers letter says will not be clouded by poverty. Sam says the Senate may enlarge the sum but Grand papa has reason to congratulate himself as it is. I hear from John Mercer that the abuse was gross, Sam says he has been insulted on the floor himself, but in fact I should not regard such for they seem to lose their character when they once get into the House they think only of their speeches and their constituents - but I hear Grand papas friends have nobly defended him, the Maryland delegation all supported him but oneascal named Torrey but I suppose you know as much as I do about the proceedings. I went into town the other day and there I found John Mercer side at Miss Spriggs he is getting better however. I was very sorry to see from Sam's letter that he had

been told that we thought he had neglected us I begged  
you not to say any thing about it, it was foolish in  
me to tell you and I regretted it the moment I had said  
it off - I shall never do the same again -

Yesterday morning a sleigh drove up containing  
Antonetta and Benjamin, I was among of the  
moments but she told me she came with a party and could  
only stay a few moments, she sat half an hour  
and then went off - she told me you had written  
to her telling her of the offer for Ashfield, that she  
had sold all the Ashfield negroes for 1400 dollars  
and was now going to put up a house in Hagerstown  
where she meant to live she did not know - she is  
going on to New York in the spring - she is a  
queen woman, her manners are so good -

Mr Rogers will write to you to night, he was expressing  
mortification at my having written to you about it - he  
only knew it from the tone of James letters, and when  
I told me the truth about the matter he was vexed  
beyond measure - he said he never dreamt of being  
offended, that he only said Sam might have let him  
know he was passing through town, and that if  
he had been well enough nothing would have  
prevented his going down - but it is of no  
consequence now, so I will say no more about it.

There to get a letter from you tomorrow, I  
shall probably go in to town to get it - I sent you  
a little bundle containing 2 shawls - do not fail to  
use the best one I never make any use of the  
others to have put your fingers upon it it  
but I got it - write to me and let me know  
if 30,000 dollars will pay my Grandfather

depts was leave him any money after it -  
what his plans are - we have some idea of  
spending a few days with Mary Meners this  
month but I am not sure of it - I intend to  
go in often to see if I am come up for Sam and  
he will not be able to stop - Mr Murray has  
been ill very ill, we had a letter from Mrs  
Murray yesterday, she says she would have  
sent for depts if he had been well home -

Give my love to all, take little Lizzy  
she must come and see her little  
cousin Pambin this summer,  
give my love to all particularly  
Marcia Jourdeman - God bless you  
I will write again soon - I wrote  
for basis for the things and he  
will send them up - I regret  
very much Mr Peggler has left  
his office, I hear there is a chance  
of his being re-nominated -  
God bless you all ever your  
affectionate Father