Jackson Mi. June 18. 1838.

Mrs. A. C. Filgiman,
Baltimore.

Madam,

Your of May 18 reached me last week, and would have been answered at once, if in my power; but my engagements have been pressing and oppressive during the Federal Court at this place, and it only adjourned this morning after a Session of six weeks. The Circuit Court for this County is also in Session, and I must hasten to it; but I take the time to answer your inquiries. Had I not received your letter I should at ~~the time have~~ written to my brother at Baltimore.

It would be difficult in a letter to give you any tolerable idea of the negotiations and procrastinations attending your business; and I must now confine myself to some principal matters of present interest. I could never succeed in getting an acceptance of either of the Bills of sale until last month; but they now are both accepted, after offers to rescind each of the contracts. In order to get the Bills of sale accepted I have been obliged to negotiate and accommodate as to the time of payment. Without any such embarrassment, collections in this quarter have certainly been very difficult in any kind of money; but to obtain such funds as would suit you has been more perplexing and impracticable than persons at

Come when I may have better opportunity of explaining this whole business, and it would afford me no small gratification to do it personally in conversation.

Remember me affectionately, if you please, to my brothers family, and you may say to Sister Ellen, that I yet have that neat little penknife, and will use it when the Court ends; and my wife says, her youngest son, born April 11, will not compare badly with the ~~lot~~ of the family.

With high respect, and much regard for the welfare of your family, I am, Madam,

Your most obedient servant,

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Mrs. Ann C. Filgiman,
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