

New Garden Chester County Penna

8th mo 30th 1831

Respected Friend

Thomas Emory

A coloured man who calls himself Charles has been with me to solicit money to redeem his wife and children who he says lie in Centerville jail. — He produced a paper signed by thee stating that \$250 would be received as an indemnification for them. — Such are my views of the injustice of Slavery that I could hardly with a clear conscience pay one man an indemnity for the unalienable right of another. — If I was willing I cannot do it. — I however hope that "the F.R.D. & Co of the oppressed" will incline thy mind to favour them at least so far as to retain them where Charles can have an opportunity to redeem them at a moderate cost with the proceeds of his own labour. — I request thee to do so and to inform me of the means necessary to be used and in the mean time I will endeavour to encourage Charles to industry and economy with that benevolent purpose in view. —

Thy friend

Erza Michener M.D.