

Baltimore, Friday, 15th October.

FRIEND DAVIS:

I am in this city and regret very much I cannot go over to Washington. Write me to Hagerstown, and if possible, I will go to Washington before my return. I am sorry you could not have come up to Hagerstown, as in consequence of your not doing so, a very important arrangement has fallen through, as it was necessary for me to have had a little funds, and also to have a friend to do the business with it. I will, however, Davis, try and see you in Washington, and will explain to you there—in haste,

Your friend,

J. T. GUTHRIE.

Hagerstown, October 22nd, 1841.

FRIEND DAVIS:

I only arrived here last evening. I could not possibly take the time on my return, to see you. Now Davis, to be plain, I have no time to loose; if I dont do something to fulfil my promises to the bank, in the way of making exchanges at once, my credit will be done with them, and my plans laid out, for our operations will be entirely frustrated—in the first place the bank has had to redeem the whole of the \$1000 I gave you, & I have told them I would make exchanges which would make it up. It was on this account I wrote you not to pay that acceptance, but to bring the money with you here, and make exchanges for part of the amount which would have made and make all things right until I could open an office in Baltimore, after which we might get a loan of several thousand, by agreeing to protect it ourselves which, I could do by paying it out from day to day, and receiving it at a discount, we could go on in this way until we could command any amonnt, not only from the concern spoken of, but from other banks in our neighborhood, besides we could do other business of advantage to us both. I want you without fail, Davis, to come up by return of mail, and if you cant bring \$1000 bring \$500, and if you cannot do that, bring less to exchange; this will keep the good feeling, and I can here shew you what we must do, which if done, we can go on at once and meet our expectations. Now Davis, I will work with you in good faith and believe you will do the same: but act quick, and come up, as I have neither time nor room on a sheet of paper to give you my views, and will not do so at this time, hoping you will be here by return of mail. Your acceptance I passed to Judge Blythe, of Philadelphia, and I do not care for its payment immediately, but would rather that we would do something for our mutual interest with the money for obtaining a much greater advantage, which if it is not done at once, is forever gone. I will write to the bank after seeing you—dont fail, Davis, to come up at least, as I cannot go to see you