

Washington City
31 March 1825.

Sir,

Edward wishes to make the pay to liberate himself by purchase, but will not be able to make the payments as rapidly as the period named by you viz. 1. 2. 3. 4 years - I think, with the economy and industry that I am confident he will use, that if the payments are extended to 6 years, he can make the engagements - possibly he may do it in a less time; it will be to his interest to do so & I do not perceive that it will be attended with any loss to his owner as the interest will only cease as the payments are made by him.

I shall continue to employ him so long as he conducts himself well and will pay over quarterly, to his owner the amount of his wages to be applied in the first place to the pay of the interest and the balance to the principal and as soon as the principal and interest are fully paid his manumission to be executed. I beg leave to remark, that the price asked for Edward is much beyond the market price of slaves even for the Southern market & you will find by calculation taking his age into consideration and making the necessary allowances for risk of death and sickness so that a capital of \$300 is as much as he is worth.

Whatever indulgence the Ladies may decide to grant - it is desired that it may be stated in writing.

With great Respect

Yr. most Obedt. Servant
Wm. Bradby

The Rev?

J. P. de Clairvieu

Director of the Vestibule in Rev. Form