

Washington City  
12 April 1825.

Sir,

Your favor of the 4<sup>th</sup> Inst has this morning  
been handed to me by Edwards - I understand  
from its tenor that the Ladies adhere to their  
determination of the 9<sup>th</sup> of March, in the following  
words, over your signature, viz. "They will give  
him (Edwards) the chance of purchasing himself  
at the rate of \$400 for which they will make  
2, 3, or even 4 years on his paying part of the  
principal on each year & the interest - in ratio of the  
remainder due."

Edwards authorizes me to inform you that he  
accepts the proposition, viz to pay annually  
\$100 with interest as stated by you for 4 years.

Edwards cannot possibly save this money and  
it will be necessary for me to advance annually  
for him the difference between his wages and the  
amount to be paid by him - this, to ensure his  
freedom, I am willing to do, altho' it will subject  
me to some inconvenience - You will, in the  
mean time hold Edwards as security, as he does  
not expect the deed of Manumission to be executed  
until the whole sum is paid with interest.

Please send one for mail, or memorandum from  
the lady or ladies who have the authority, that his  
freedom is to be granted upon these conditions  
& I will have it recorded at the proper Office  
for the benefit of all interested.

I presume there will be no objection to make the agreement  
operative from 1 March last - if there is, it is not natural  
to Edwards or myself & can bear date from the day of  
its execution -

With great Respect

Yr. Most Obedt. Servant

W. W. Bradley

I Harriet Agnes Brent - sup<sup>h</sup> of the ~~Will~~ <sup>now in the form of p<sup>r</sup>. W. A. Bradley</sup> in G. J. & Co - do agree & promise to Manumit & set free my Negro man Edwards - for Divers good Causes & Consider<sup>on</sup> - Me thereunto moving - as also in further Consider<sup>on</sup> of \$400 - when to me in hand paid ~~for which you I will be contented to receive~~ - the said Edwards promising to pay me the said sum - in  $\frac{1}{2}$  - annual payments of 100 - each with Interest from the 1<sup>st</sup> of March of this year 1825 - to be completed or cleared by 1<sup>st</sup> of March 1829 - & that he will pay on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 1826 - 1<sup>st</sup> of March 1827 - 118 - 50 in 1828 - 112 - 50 in 1829 - 100 - And on the completion of the said payments of \$400 with interest - on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 1829 - the said Edwards will be set free & Manumitted by me or my heirs or assigns <sup>in testimony</sup> <sup>where</sup> in Witness thereof I hereto set my name this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 1825 -

Witness - }  
 I. A. Bradley }  
 Harriet A. Brent

W. A. Bradley -

In your confidence & in compliance to your wish - I have had the above The Agreement & Promise ~~which~~ <sup>with the same signed by</sup> the lady owner of Edwards which you sent to you on the other page - is granted - in your favor & satisfaction We are sensible of your great generosity to him - & hope his grateful services <sup>to you</sup> will make a full compensation

Though I have not stated the precise epoch of the annual payment - which should be the 1<sup>st</sup> of March - because you may find convenient <sup>under the above paragraph</sup> to anticipate them - to diminish the interest - ~~and should~~ <sup>amount with you long</sup> ~~my unfortunate widow~~ - frustrate this hope - we would not let you ~~lose~~ <sup>the advances</sup> which you would have made to him - I am very Respec



Agreement with Mr. Leonard

with Mr. S. D. Bradley

April 14-1825

\$ 100 - as follows, on or before

March 1<sup>st</sup> 1825. 100. interest 12 1/2

J. 1827 200 118

J. 1828 200 112

J. 1829 200 106

if the payments are made  
before - the interest must  
be diminished accordingly

1823. Sept. 26. No. 56,...

1826. April 26. No. 72, 86.

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single paid well



The Period

S. P. de Chaviers

Director of the Institution in

George Town

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