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D^r Sir I am greatly indebted to you for the Infor-
- mation given me respecting William Fisher now
in York Jail by your Letter of the 20 of March
1834 - I am very glad to hear that William has
become a penitent - & hope he will continue so
It is true for 2 or 3 Days after I heard of this
Desertion I could not with fervent Sincerity say the
Lords Prayer when I came to the words & forgive
us our Trespases as we forgive those that trespass
against us I was tempted to stop short as half that
over - perhaps I have something to repent of myself
I ought to have given ^{him} somewhat Knowledge or would
let him know that the Laws of this State inflict
heavy pains & penalties on every one who
sells a Servant out of the State who is entitled to
Freedom at some future Period - perhaps I stretched
beyond measure I put too much in his power
he had the same Control over my place as Joseph
had our pharaohs house & brought down. For such
is my Age & so great are my Infirmitides (as your
Letter) that I have not been on the plantation for
Six or seven years past tho' only three miles from
my place of residence nor do I think that I
have been out of the Village I live in during
the same space of Time you may therefore assure
him that I fully forgive him - I am told that he was
convicted as a horse Thief and I dare say the gentlemen
on either he was convicted thought they were correct
but altho' I am no Lawyer I think otherwise I think
he was ^{guilty} only of a breach of Trust -