Jamestown Guilford N.C. June 14. 1825.

Martha Moore.

My Brother Richard on his way to Richmond Virginia a few weeks since, wrote a line home, stating that he had visited you on his way, and requested a line written to you pointing out a certain method of effectually emancipating your Slaves after your Death = I have waited for an Answer from Brother to learn if he knew of any further circumstances than he had written, respecting your determination to effect their freedom, but his written statement, contained, as he says, all his information on the subject. I now proceed to state, that I know of no way that you can insure to them their freedom by Will, and as a confirmation of this. I will refer you to two cases already decided in the Supreme Court of this State. first case of Hinsley against Jones in the (Cam Franklin County) Superior Court of Law & Equity and for the Trial of Issues in the nature of a Case at Law, Judge Moore for the Glory of God, and good of said Slaves. it was decided that as those 4 Men took no beneficial interest under the Will, they were mere trustees, and as the intention of the Testator was to free his Slaves such intention was illegal as against the Policy of the Law, and the next of Kin would hold the Slaves. this case will be found in the 2nd Volume of the Supreme Court Reports by F. D. Hawks Page 120. The other case was Turner against Whitted from the same District & the same effect — Hawks' Reports Page 113.

The only way therefore seems to be, to set them free by removing them to a free State or Country in your own Life time for you cannot set them free here in this State, either by Deed or Will, because the Laws will not allow thereof. You can employ an Agent, and give him a Power of Attorney to convey them to Ohio or Indianna State, and leave or settle them there: it is a plentiful Country where they would

no doubt in a short time be in a measure comfortably situated,
and where they could enjoy more priveledges and a greater degree
of liberty than free persons of Color can by any law enjoy
in North Carolina - If you are disposed to remove them
I can only say that it might be well for their security
that it should be done at as early a Period as practicable
with convenience - The Slaves
in a few months raise a sufficient sum to defray all
expenses attending their Conveyance to any of the Western
States - I will further add, that any other or further
information which you may at any time wish, I will freely
and cheerfully impart, or any writing on the subject which
you may require I will attend to. By your having a
Waiter I suspect

Wm. C. Mendenhall

Jeremiah Hubbard is of the opinion that if you would
appoint Postal Coffin of this County as an Agent, he
would, honestly and safely convey your Slaves to any
other State that you may desire - He has been engaged
before, warmly in the Cause of emancipating Slaves and
securing Liberty to those of Color. who are free but
improperly held in Bondage -

G. C. M

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