Jacksonville
April 3d. 1842

Wr. Henry A. M. Carthy Dr Sir

Yours of the 2nd. of March came safely to hand and found us all well. we were much pleased to hear from all the Relatives in Your Section of Country. and particularly so. when we hear that all are well and doing well. Your Mother was greatly pleased to hear from You all. She is in Tollerable Good health. as much so. as the Most of persons of her Age. tho She has, and have had for some length of time a very bad Cough She Seems tho in good Spirits. generally. and would be much pleased if You could come as soon as Convenient and See us. This is our desire as well as her wish. if Consistent with Your business &c — We are Not doing anything that we are proud of — I might Say Nothing With the exception of Trying to give our Children Good Educations. They are Tollerably well advanced and are progressing well in their Studies. James and George are very Studious they are Now well advanced in Latin and advancing Rapidly in Greek & Mathematics and expect by fall to be far enough advanced To be prepared for College. Napolion is not so Studious. & has not Made so good a progress

in his Studies, tho he has the Capability & Genius to learn any thing it is difficult to Confine him to Study he is More inclined to business & activity and is Now the Stoutest of either of the boys Josephine is Tollerable Well advanced in Some of the Branches of her Studies. She Now performs very Well on the Piano. Can Play 20 or 30 times very acceptably to an audience. She is Now also going to the academy and Studying Latin & English Grammar. Geography &c. & making good progress in her Studies She is Now a little over 9 Years old & is the Young=est Child we have a live. We are Yet Keeping publick House (principally) for a livelyhood. and are Not much flattered with our Situation & prospects. the very grate pressure that Came upon us 3 or 4 Years ago & my building at ~~a~~ a rong time. to gether with the Circumstance of my going Security for Wm W. Haynes for a Stock of Goods over 3000 dollars and he left me all to pay. has opperated very much against us. and has placed me in Straightened Sircum=stances. and the times are such that ~~that~~ No business is flattering particularly. Nom within my reach. and from all appearances. No change is likely to take place soon for the better — We just Received a letter from Polly McCallon She States they are all Well & Dorens & Richardson's,

Your Intimations in Your last Letter. Relative to
To Your ever saying any thing To me or us, upon
the Subject of Slavery. or Abolition. is entirely New
to us. Never having heard as We Recollect one
Word of Your Sentiments up on the Subject—
and if We had it Would Not interrupt our minds
if You Should differ With us upon that Subject
as We allow all pirsons to injoy their Opinion
free & Independantly.— We are as well acquainted
With the evil of Slavery as those that live in
a free State. but the evil is amongst us.
and Time Only Will determine the Result. We
feel Clear in the little Ownership we ever
had or exercised over that Kind of property
Give our good Wishes to all our Relations. and
especally give our love to Your Wife and
We Remain ever Your Sincere and affectionate
Brother & Sister

Aaron Haynes

Maria A. Haynes

Dr

Mr Henry A. McCartney

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