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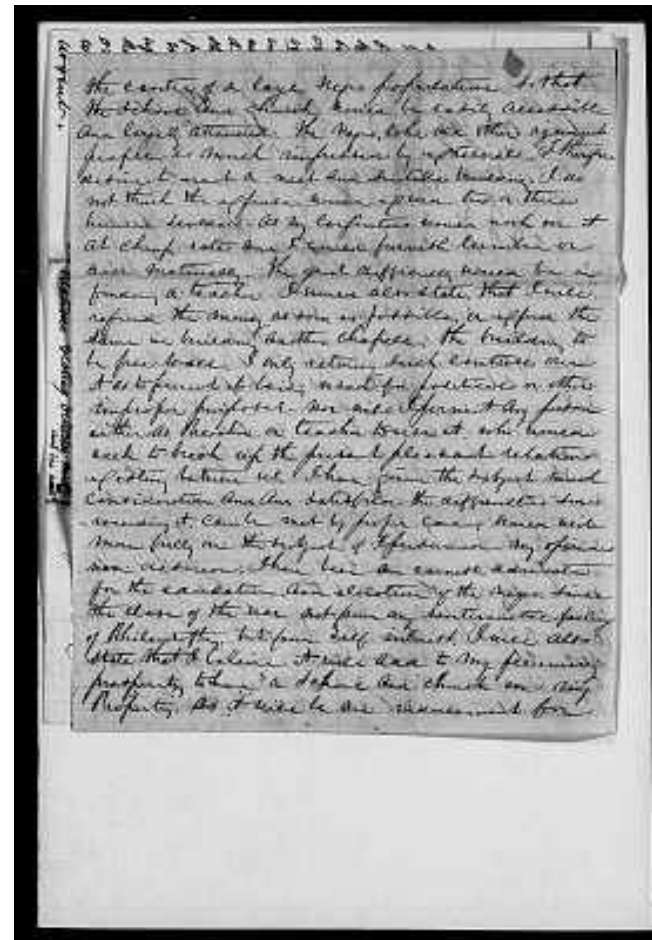
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The centre of a large Negro population, so that the school and church hence be easily accessible and largely attended. The Negro, like all other ignorant people, is much impressed by externals I therefore desire to erect a neat and suitable building. I do not think the expense would exceed two or three hundred dollars, as my carpenters would work on it at cheap rates and I could furnish lumber or aid materially. The great difficulty would be in finding a teacher. I would also state that I will refund the money as soon as possible, a expense the same in building another chapell. The building to be free to all. I only retaining such controll over it as to prevent its being used for political or other improper purposes. Nor will I permit any person either as preacher or teacher to use it. who would seek to break up the present pleasant relations abiding between us. I have given the subject much consideration. And am satisfied the difficulties surrounding it can be met by proper care. Would write more fully on the subject, if I presumed my opinions were desired. I have been an earnest advocate for the education and elevation of the negro, since the close of the war. Not from any sentimental feeling of Philanthropy, but from self interest. I will also state that I believe it will add to my pecuniary prosperity to have a school and church on my property, as it will be an inducement for



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