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25 November 1837

To Mr. Thomas Lindsay, Sr.

My Dear Sir,

Having satisfied myself that Mr. Chamberlain's last pamphlet may be the means of misleading many, and of infinite mischief in the community if not noticed. So far as to correct his misstatement of facts, I have concluded it most proper for me to reexamine the whole subject, and as far as possible, correct all errors, as well in my pamphlet as his. To this effect I have written to Mr. Chamberlain and promised him that I will enter into a strict investigation and inform him of the result.

In his pamphlet, he insists that the Negro Members were actually arrayed against him in your report or complaint to the Presbytery of St. Charles, and quotes the document to prove it.

If you have any proofs to the contrary of his assertion, I would like to know them. If you have a recent copy of the document please lend it to me. My impression is, that Mr. C. has used the document unfairly. He tries to hold it up that the Negroes are set forth as voluntary opponents, and that your attempt to pass them off as having actually signed the paper. I have always understood that those Negro names were placed in a corner of the paper and written in pencil. Please inform me all about it. This is the point I shall have occasion to trouble you I believe.

Yours ever.

G. C. Sibley