Raleigh 25 Nov. 1819.

Sir.

I have received your letter by Mr Winslow — It is true that an action at law, cannot be sustained upon a promissory note, payable to a slave. but an action may be brought by the master, for the work & labor of the slave, and the note to the slave (as a verbal declaration of the debtor) may be used, with other testimony to shew the amount of the sum earned by the slave. — If I understand you, a suit was brought by Dr Scott, against Maxwell & a Judgment recovered: — if this is the case, you have only to procure a record of this suit, properly certified by the Clerk & by the presiding Magistrate, and sue Maxwell in S. Ca upon the Judgment: the Judgment will be evidence of the debt unless he can shew he has paid it — Whether it is best to accept $100, & indulge for the balance, or proceed rigorously to enforce the judgment at law, I cannot advise you, not being informed of Maxwell's circumstances or prospects — but as you can, by some gentleman at Fayetteville, have the claim entrusted to some respectable attorney in Columbia, I would advise you to submit the mode of proceeding to the discretion of your attorney — requesting him, if possible to secure the debt: — even if he gave long credit — If the Judgment

at Fayetteville is in the name of Doct. Scott, he should assign it to you - if it is in the name of Montford, you should have a letter of Attorney drawn from Montford, to the gentleman you employ in Columbia, & have it acknowledged at Newbern & sent to you to forward —

I have heard nothing interesting from Newbern since I left there.

Your friend J. Stanly

Ab.n Allen.

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