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My Dear Sir,

Today a friend has sent to me the Frederick Herald, & I perceive that articles in relation to me have been inserted there precisely for the purpose of being transcribed into the opposition paper in other places to be represented as my character in the place where I am best known. The articles are not intended for the Frederick market, but have been concocted elsewhere by the Bank agent. It is necessary therefore that my friends in Frederick should do me justice. I am represented as proverbially indifferent to pecuniary matters & the impression intended to be created by that expression, is that I was reckless in that respect

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& suffered myself to be involved in debt & my private affairs to become entangled and embarrassed. It is true I have never spared my money where family connections needed it or the call of charity or any public object required me to use it, and the slaves which I owned all of which I have since emancipated, were treated with the indulgence of children. But you who know my habits as well as I know them myself will bear me witness that I never spend any thing beyond my income. I did not hoard my money but I never went in debt. No merchant or mechanic that I recollect ever found it necessary to call on me a second time for his account, unless the urgency of professional business prevented me from attending to it. And I believe that my punctuality in the payment of any accounts against me was as much relied on by the citizens of Frederick as the punctuality of its Banks, or any Bank, & while I lived there I never had a dispute with a merchant or mechanic about his Bill. However I am not disposed

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to give my own character for no man is an impartial judge in his own case. All I ask of you is that this intrigue should be defeated & my true standing whatever it may be made known. If the Frederick community were the only persons who would read that article I should not think it worth contradiction, but it was manufactured by directions from abroad, & will be immediately inserted in the Bank papers throughout the Union as the evidence of my standing at home. If any of those who <u>call</u> themselves my <u>friends</u>, are amusing themselves in the manner stated, I know who they are and you know how well I have for some years understood the invidious character of their pretended friendship. You may show this letter to Schley but do not show it to any one else.

Very truly your friend R. B. Taney