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My Dear Sir

To day a friend has sent to me the
Frederick Herald - & I perceive that articles
in relation to me have been inserted there
mainly for the purpose of being transcribed
into the opposition papers 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 agents. - It is necessary therefore that
my friends in Frederick should do me
justice - I am represented as pecuniarily
indifferent to pecuniary matters & the
impression intended to be created by that
representation, that I was reckless in that respect

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I suffered myself to be involved in Debt &
my private affairs to become entangled and
overharrassed. - It is true I have never spent
my money where family connections made
it or the calls of Charity or any Public object
suggested me to use it - and the slaves which
I owned all of which I have since emanci-
pated, 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 spent any thing
beyond my income - I did not hoard 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 ^{unless the urgency of professional business prevented me} account - And I believe that my punctuality
in the payment of any accounts against me
was as much relied on by the citizens of Freder-
ick 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

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 dis-
seminated & my true standing whatever it may
be made known. - If the Federicks community
were the only persons who would read that
article I should not think it worth con-
tradiction - but it was manufactured by
directions from abroad - I will be im-
mediately inserted in the Bank paper
throughout the union as the evidence of
my standing at home - If any of those
who call themselves my friends, are amusing
themselves in the manner stated - I know
who they are and you know how well I have
for some years understood the insidious
character of their pretended friendship - You
may show this letter to Abby but do not
show it to any one else -

Very truly your friend

R. B. Tacey

1833

A. B. Toney Esq

to

W. M. Chase

29th
1833

Relative to attacks
upon in the States
Recd 1st Dec. 1833

A. B. Toney

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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 call themselves my friends, 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