would be best done; the number for a genus might be considerable but are there a sufficient number of free blacks among us to keep this place constantly increasing? If there the source would not be sufficient to afford them protection; you must resort to some other measure by which assistance can be offered. The great abhorrence to slavery might induce some few of the generous hearted to see the four small number in their profession, but how few would this add towards supplying the necessity, as we have daily evidence of the great desire of riches, which is almost a universal passion. Should this course fail, there is no other alternative, unless the general government would take it under consideration; even if this were done, I cannot suppose that it would be free from objections; as it could not attempt to purchase slaves and send to his colony, the number of them being so numerous, it would require greater funds (to carry this very far into effect) than we have. Though they be opulent the slaves, yet it would be very sensibly felt by those who had the burden to bare, the event of such a measure might be so dangerous as impracticable it would create dissatisfaction among the people: the finances levied from them to support such a measure, would be too heavy to be borne. Dividing then that such a course would not be a politic one; what other course could be entered into? Suppose the government should come - sell the citizen of the U.S. to get their slaves sold at a certain age; it is then necessary to consider at what age they sold would not this create a division between the Northern and Southern states, the wealth of a great number of men in the Southern states consists in property of this kind, would it not be