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Dear Professor Kelsey:

I hope you will forgive me for this shocking delay in replying to your letter of November 3rd. I have been away a great deal since it was received and exceedingly busy here. And as it was going to take a little time to get my notes I have delayed. But now, trying to start the New Year right, I have really found what you want.

My authority for the reference to an anti-slavery paper in Shelbyville, Kentucky, is the "Genius of Universal Emancipation," founded in 1921 by Benjamin Lundy. In Volume I, page 191, he quotes an editorial address from "The Abolition Intelligencer," which he says was started at Shelbyville, Kentucky in 1822. In Volume II of the "Genius of Universal Emancipation," Page 144, he speaks of its discontinuance. I have a third reference, Volume II, page 167, but no explanatory note after it. I do not remember now where I consulted these volumes, probably in the Congressional Library.

If you are not already in touch with the Filson Club of Louisville, Kentucky, you should be - that is, if you are going to carry on a study of the anti-slavery agitation at this period. I think that the Filson Club has published a volume on the subject of slavery in Kentucky.

I hope this gives you what you want - with apologies for my delay in answering your inquiry, believe me

Very sincerely yours

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