

## A Letter To Lincoln

On April 25, 1864, Annie Davis, a slave living in Maryland wrote this brief but touching letter to President Lincoln. In it, she asked if she was free. No reply from the President has been located. The answer to Davis's question, however, would have been "no." Slavery existed in Maryland until November 1, 1864.

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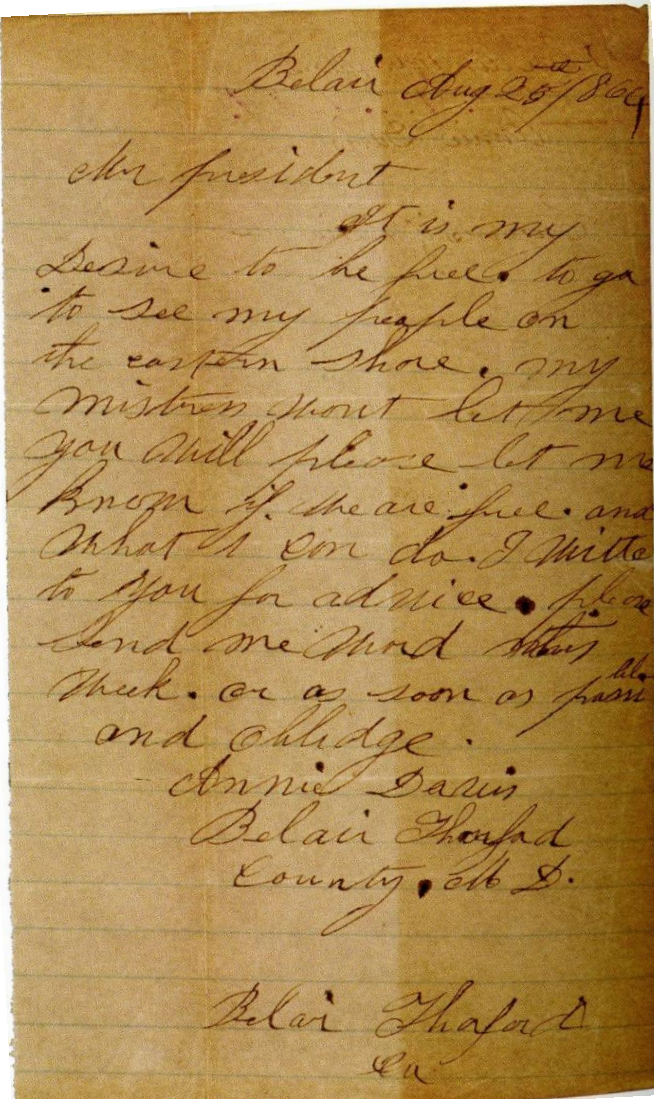
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