
Cincinnati Ohio October 11, 1856

Mr. John A Gex

Dear Sir your favor was read a few days since and should have been answered sooner. Bettie and I have both expected to be at your house before this and would have been but the river has been so low we were fearful would be detained on our way and hopeful there would be raise soon.

Bettie now desires me to say that she will be down tomorrow evening and wishes you to meet her at Albert Craigs landing. I do not know what time the boat gets down but suppose it is between dark and bedtime.

You write Charles now wishes you to buy him. It is all right. I can get 1200 for him at a word in Fayette for a farmer for his own use, but rather than separate him from his wife, will let you have him. I want you to give me \$1000 for him. In this way so that I can with trust say so. You paid me \$50, his hire since will at \$14 per month, the price I get for Henny come to the? and of \$50 more or pretty well onto it. So you send me \$950 and I throw in the hire to this time. That will make up \$1000 so that I can in trust say you gave me \$1000. And I will guarantee it is \$200 less than he can be sold for in this state to a good farmer.

I am thinking of coming down soon but it is uncertain how soon. This uncertainty getting down and back and such as I do not feel I can risk as it is important for me to have him now as the busy season is now upon us. If you conclude to take Charles you will please say so by mail or receipt of this and you can deposit the money in the bank Hamilton? and Mr. Brauford will send it to me.? I send you a bill of sale which you can keep or send back as you please if it is right. My love to Princy and all and kind regards

LL Mason

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I have this day sold to John A Gex my negro man Charles about 24 or 25 years of age for the sum of \$1000 the receipt of which is kindly acknowledged. I warrant said Negro man to be sound and a slave for life as well as this letter hereby conveyed to be clear and unquestionable. Gave under my hand this day and date own written
LL Mason

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