

My Son Philip

Should you go to town soon you can tell Mr Watts that he can have Ismael the price is 50 £ I am determined to dispose of him for first opportunity Your Mother tells me she cannot have the trouble and anxiety another year with the Blacks, I know that she is the slave to slaves, and all that is raised here is only to support them I therefore think it my duty to seek peace which is not to be had in a family of unruly disobedient wicked servants who practice only wickedness, I intend to sell Charis and Tom also but will not sell Tom to you if you will sell George I'll give you Charles in his stead, I propose putting out this farm on the best terms I can which will help support me and your mother I wish you all happiness and am your affectionate Father Burwell Portland

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