

Exatawville 8th Augth 1871

My dear Cousin,

Your letter with the accompanying paper you were kind enough to prepare for me were duly received, by Lewis, & should have been acknowledged sooner, but for the interruptions I have had for writing. Returned home, & found Susan sick with fever, soon after Willie, & Edward had an attack, the latter confined to his Chamber, for over a week, but I am happy to say they are all well, & out again, & I trust the rest of us will keep well.

We will attend to your directions about the paper, & unitedly thank you for all you have done for us.

Lewis paid the Taxes, & brought me the receipt, we are much indebted to you, for having released us from the penalty, we had to pay \$99.92 - an addition of Two dollars, I presume for Office cost.

I forgot to mention to you, that I had disposed of some of the pineland, last Spring, which has enabled me to pay the debt to Mr J. Stoney Porcher, & the remainder of Mr Connel's salary, the two sums amounting to Three hundred dollars. I know of nothing else unpaid but what may be owing to D^r William Flueger, I hope next years Crop, will enable me to ask for his bill, & also to pay the remainder of what may be owing Mr

L's Estate, which, will remove many anxious thoughts
I have had, about the possibility of paying my
debts. having no knowledge of business, & I may say no
turn for it, has made my difficulties very great, in all
matters of the kind, without your assistance, & advice, &
Mr Sin Kleis instruction to my Son's, we might have taken
some steps, that would only have increased our difficulties

I enclose you a paper, Mr John Gaillard, who survey-
ed the tracts of pine land sold this Spring, brought
me to be signed. I dont believe there is any hurry
about it. The Negro who purchased this tract, has paid
in full, & wants Titles. Do attend to this at your leisure -

Hoping you, & family are well. My love to Cousin
Sarah, & Rheta. With much gratitude,

I am Yr Aff^{to} Cousin
E R Simons

To/

Hon James Simons -