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Richmond VA March the 21st 1847

Dear Sir this leaves me well and I hope this may finde you the same I have received your letter dated the 25th February with a check for eleven hundred dollars and I am still staying here trying to lay out what money I have but I say to you they are so buy it seems to me if I buy at the prices I cant make but virry Little on them though I shal by now as soon as I possible can and start home I sent my cousin James Saunders with seven head to you he is a Brother of Little Orris he left here on the 18th of March for KY I started him with a two horse barryall and the two gray horses I made profit and 80 dollars the woman I write to you about some time ago I brought a man yesterday and sold him to Tate for 40 dollars profit I since James Saunders left brought one little girl at \$1.25 but I shal not buy anymore as small it seemed strange you don't write me often I have not received a letter since the one above mentioned so it is I shall do the best I can I shall buy in a few days what money I have but I say to you they way they are buy is the rite way little plough boys is worth from 500 to 600 girls from 12 years to 15 and 16 is worth from 450 to 600 hundred dollars number one min from 600 to 800 and little negroes is worth enny thing you will ask all most there has been several traders left here and not bought and more here now than I ever saw in one time



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