

James Monroe to Fulwar Skipwith, October 9, 1800.

Albion Oct 9. 1800.

my dear Sir

I have sent to Richmond to Mr. P. rather -
through a negro man named Hoop, whom I purchased
as Mr. P. rather's sale last Spring at the price of £140.
that he may be forwarded to you. Having bought him
for my own accommodation, I part with him solely
for your accommodation with this remark however
that his wife having been sold to some one to the South
at the same time, he has been desirous of going that
way in the hope they might finally meet again. On
proposing to sell him to you, & explaining your cha-
racter as a man here, he was perfectly willing to go
to you. As to the price, I mention what I gave, but
I should be happy to hear from you on the subject
my object being to accommodate you rather at
a loss than to fail in it, in the only way that
my situation at this time permits.

Since my return to the States I have been
abroad at home endeavouring by laborious
exercises, to put my establishment & affair in
a state of comfort for my family and self as
in advance in years. Last Spring my exposure
at all seasons, exceeded my strength, in conse-
quence of which I caught a cold & fever that
had like to have removed me from this

unquiet scene. I was confined to my room a fortnight
great part of the time to my bed, but have since en-
joyed good health. My long absence and other occupa-
tions, had left me every thing to do here. We are yet
far from being comfortable, but if my health could
-ness, expect to be so, in a year or two more. My
means are small, having incurred debts abroad, &
my affrs being wretchedly managed at home.

I was called to Washington last spring to set-
tle my acct. with the govt., having taken no
interest in a visit there of late. Some publica-
-ans induced me to pay attention to the object.
I had no difficulty in proving that I was not
a debtor to the publick. I was received with
kindness & civility by the govt.

After stating to you my situation I have only
to observe that I will pay the balance, when
ever you require it. At this time it must
be by the sale of something, which we may do
without & with, if your circumstances require.

I intended writing you a long letter but
have been prevented, by interruptions. Let
me hear often from you & of your affrs.
as I shall always take a deep interest in
your welfare being most sincerely your
friend & servt

I fear our friend Mearns will not remain
with us long - remember me to Mr P. & rest
Jas Monroe

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Albemarle Oct [October] 9. 1810.

My dear sir

I have sent to Richmond to Dr Brokenbrough a negro man named Roger, whom I purchased at Mr Braxtons sale last Spring at the price of £140, that he may be forwarded to you. Having bought him for my own accommodation, I part with him solely for yours, with this remark however that his wife having been sold to some one to the South at the same time, he has been desirous of going that way in the hope they might finally meet again. On proposing to sell him to you and explaining your character, residence &c [etcetera], he was perfectly willing to go to you. As to the price, I mention what I gave, but I shall be happy to hear from you on the subject. My object being to accommodate you rather at a loss than to fail in it, is the only way that my situation at this time permits.

Since my return to the U [Unites] States I have been always at home endeavoring by laborious exertions, to put my establishment and affrs [affairs] in a state of comfort for my family and self as we advance in years. Last Spring my exposure at all seasons, exceeded my strength, in consequence of which I caught a cold and fever that had like to have removed me from this

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friend & servt [servant]
Jas [James] Monroe

I hear our friend Mercer will not remain with us long - Remember me to Mr Prevost