

S. Carolina Congly Feb. 4th 1793

Dear unfortunate Brother

My Brother James we heard the melancholy news, I cannot describe to you my B. Brother the shock my B. Nancy and my self rec'd on hearing the truly distressing news, It being the first my B. Nancy enquir'd after, and in the height of joy on our Brothers arrival, so sudden transition we never before experient^d how fleeting is human happiness, as as I. young says how sad a sight it is, How sudden and great the transitions, At times when we think our ~~happiness~~ joys are nearly compleat, the whole on blasted and gone as a shadow — My B. Brother I wish to see you, I cannot write on this subject —

My B. Nancy and I arriv'd safe at this Place from Virg. ^{on} Sept. 10th and Oct. 8th was Bless'd with a fine Daughter, who we have nam'd after our dear lamented Sister — be comforted my B. Brother consider that (only) which did not belong to you is ~~deprived~~ taken from you —

I understand from Brother Jo. you had attend your thoughts of going to Kentucky, soon after I left Virg. If so I wish you to come to this Country — Immediately, this blow I think will crush your business & proceeding well, There are

one or two Lawyers who talk of settling
here next Spring, But If you are here
before them I think it will prevent their
coming - If you can come with recom-
mended to some of the first Characters
in this State it will be much in your
favor - Letters to Dr. Tucker or John
Pentley Esq. who is our chief Justice
will be of as much service to you
as any I can mention, especially the
latter - Do not neglect to bring letters
If you are obliged to come by the
way of Williams. b. f. to procure them
as your being admitted to practice Im-
mediately depends considerably upon
your recommendation

I wish you to be out here the last
of March, as the Circuit Court to come
on at that time, which you will have
an opp^y of attending and judge of
the business in this Country -
I'm confident it will suit you better
than where you are - At any rate
I wish you to pay me a visit and
see the Country -

With regard to the power of Att. g I left
with you, to recover a Negro for the
you are desired to leave it to arbitration
as he makes no doubt but you will recover

what the may suppose the worth of the Negro
on the facts being stated to the Auctioneers,
he utterly denies knowing any thing of the
Negro being had properly. The man who
M^{rs}. Burns bought him of, I understand
from M^{rs}. Burns is a man of property
and may be come out, - There ought I to
say my opinion to be dangerous however
However - you must settle the matter upon
the best terms you can before you
come out - If we get but half the
worth of the Negro we must be content
He has paid very high for the
Negro, which takes you how in my
possession will show

I shall conclude with hopes in a short
time to converse with you verily -

My Wife joins with me in love
to you, our Father, Grand Mother, Dear
Sisters, Brother Caggy, and all our
friends

M^r. Coatter

Your affectionate Brother

D. Coatter

M^r. Stuart desires his Compl^{ts}
to you and all the Family

D. Coakley
July 14 1893.

Worcester Mass
Aug 1 1892

Mr John Coakley
Dorchester

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Virginia

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Dear Brother

I have just rec^d yours
dated Jan^y 20th which was about
the time I wrote you last, which
I make no doubt you have rec^d
as it went by the Post — As I
wrote you particularly at that time
I shall say very little more to
you now than that I wish to see
you very much, though your
reverse of fortune will make our
meeting very different from one last

My B. Brother I'm im^mensions
to see you now than I ever was.

That I may have how it in
my power to sympathize with you
personally, — I hope you will not
fail in coming out with Brother J. —
As he will be the cause of this he will
tell you my mind fully on this
business — Love to my B. Sisters,
Hon^{or} & Com^{pl} to all
friends — Yours &c
Wm Coates J Coates

my other gack I hope will prevent
him from coming out you must pray us a visit ~~and~~ if
all went and if you should not happen to like this place
can return in spring. I wish to see you very much indeed my love
and I know you want to see your Niece, so we shall expect
nothing else but that you will come with Brother James
to see your Affectionate

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Mr. J. Booth

Wm. Booth

John Booth Esq.

Columbia Dec: 14th 1793

Dear Brother

I rec^d yours by Brother ~~Smith~~
who arriv'd at Brongly the 8th Inst. in fine
good health, & set out next morning
with Mr Smart for Chatton, & I for
this Place —

I was much disapointed in
not receiving a visit you at this time
as I had very reason to expect you
out with Brother J^r —

You appear from your Letter
to be at a stand whether to pay
me a Visit this winter or not —

However I hope I shall be able
to settle that matter when I tell
you I wish to see you as soon
as possible upon business of con-
siderable consequence to us both

I hope it will be in M^r Power
to arrange my business in such a
manner that you will not be any
considerable loss by being ~~the~~
absent a few weeks (especially)
at this season of the year when
every thing in that Country is
frozen up —

As I expect to have the Ple-
-asure of seeing you shortly I
and the Post just setting out I
shall not be particular in writing
you — I wish you to attend in
procuring the Letters I mention'd
to you

to you in my last, as I expect
you will have some business to
do in Chatterton, and this will be
of great advantage

Our assembly are now sitt-
ing at this place, where I am
anxiously waiting the determi-
nation of a point, which is
warmly debated respecting a
speculation that has been in the
surveying & relapsing of lands,
in which I have engaged in tot-
ally largely this last summer

You must take my excuse
to my Father & the rest of the
Family for not writing them
as I have nothing particular to
write & do not wish to make them
pay half a Dol^r for nothing -
having no opp^y but the Post

We are all well & have been all
summer, you may let Mr. ^{Trust}
know his Sons are both well &

My best love to my Father &
Family - Com^{pl}ts to all friends
Your affectionate Brother

John Coates

D. Coates

P. If convenient for you to bring
me out a wheely ^{repi} may I will give
you the same - D.C



John Coakley
Dec 14 1793

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