

Oct 1st 1858  
Port Royal

Dear Rufus

I have just rec<sup>d</sup> your check  
for fifty Dollars, and return you my  
thanks. I send you a more formal  
assignment of my interest in Uncle Fosters  
Estate on next leaf - I sent you De Bowes  
Review last year - paid the subscription,  
and had it receipted on the back of one  
copy of the Review - I have paid it for  
this year also, and will have it receipted in  
like manner - De Bow pays me for  
writing for him - If you like the  
Review, I wish you would get if you  
can a few subscribers to it - I shall write  
a great deal for it hereafter, as I shall  
not return to Washington. If I lived in  
New York, I could soon make a fortune  
by my pen - George, I think, has more  
genius than Bob, but none of his application.  
He comes out down work - I will certainly  
visit you next year - My love to Hetty -  
Nobody has been sick this summer and fall  
in Port Royal - We are all grateful  
to Sister Hetty & you for your kindness to our  
children -  
Yours affectionately  
Geo. Fitzhugh



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Port Royal Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 1858

I or and in consideration of the sum  
of four hundred Dollars paid to me by  
Rufus K Fiftough I hereby transfer and  
assign to him all my right title and  
interest in the Estate of my Uncle Howard  
Forte decd - Witness my hand & seal  
Geo Fiftough Seal

Witnesses

Richard B. Potts

E. B. Anderson

If its women ever did this work  
suffice to pay you - The widow is near  
scent, but she will outlive my niece  
for spite - S F

W B - There was no date either to ye  
check or letter - I dated ye check  
30<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> - I mention it that you  
may keep yr account with the  
bank straight - S F



Oct 21 1828

I have been thinking of writing you  
for some time but have been so busy  
that I could not find time to do so  
I hope to hear from you soon  
I am your affectionate friend  
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