

I shall be sorry to see all the negroes sold, but I do not want any we have more than we want and being so near town they are very troublesome to us, unless we had one run away a few days ago a thing that has never happened before, but he was a man from Progers bought of George Hoffman lately - he had great difficulty in looking for him for if he had escaped we should have lost all the others

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he however came back of his own accord - we do not propose to me to take them for, in the first place I would only buy them in if I took them at all, as any other body,

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I have just this instant recd your last letter and am so glad at its contents that I cannot sleep without endeavoring to do away the impression you seem to have taken from my letters - I wrote in haste and indeed have no very distinct recollection of what I said, but your quotations being enough of it to try recollect to enable me to answer as I hope satisfactorily, - in the first place how can you suppose that I would say anything so foolish as it is too foolish I could be any thing but delighted with the little things you sent the baby, they were beautiful and gave pleasure to any thing she has she has worn the little frocks every day and if you could have seen her in her little pink one to day with the ~~little~~ the little cap with pink bows you would hardly recognize the ugly little ill dressed brats you left, when you went on, I cannot imagine how you could have got any thing prettier or more appropriate for her - John Mercer was here yesterday and said he never says a child improved so

much in his line - I thought and told him it was  
his new frock clothes that sets him off to make  
I always write as I feel and sometimes  
more correctly than perhaps is proper especially  
to you, but I know your generous disposition and  
you want self-help, I heard a whifler was not  
not be able to sell oak hills and that of course you  
and he would have nothing to spare - Cybert's treason  
came here about 3 days ago and he says all the  
London people we know are going among Binkley carts  
sell his land though he is being very hard!  
Cybert says he fears it will be impossible to sell  
<sup>the hill</sup> it all, I have no other information than  
his so you may judge of its worth, but it was  
unless this fears and a dread that you might be  
unable to sell a field that I wrote in such an  
economizing strain - You must know me well  
enough to know I never was economical in my  
life, my only view is to economize to spend  
I look upon perfect independence as the first  
step to attain, and independence of getting  
cannot exist without money which places us  
above the pity or assistance of any one - It is no  
novelty that the rich have more friends than the  
poor, for Tacitus says prosperity tries the hearts  
with the deepest probe, but adversity tries our  
friends, I never want to try my friends, I am  
suspicious with the regard their manifests and shall  
not trouble myself to imagine what their conduct  
would be under other circumstances, but I will  
try and keep that which while it ensures me

the comforts, will never diminish my friends -  
I will never again venture to say one word on such  
a subject, I see with regret I have been misunderstood  
my anxiety for your comforts and independence has  
been attributed to a selfish motive, when my mother  
can suspect the purity of my hearts and motives, I  
am done, I can hardly believe what that is what  
you mean now, but your letter is so plain I  
fear you mean it, I did not see its objects  
it upon record reading it has drawn bitter  
tears from my eyes - I will never more  
engage into your plans -  
I cannot write more, it makes me sick, how  
you can have any affection for me and  
think it of me I cannot understand -  
God bless you all, my grandfather  
much regretted his stay here entirely  
according to his inclinations, my home  
all that I have in the world is at his dispo-  
sal, I hope he thinks so, to stay or go when  
he pleases - you talk of friends borrowing  
his money from him - these are friends -  
I wrote to Anne last night upon the receipt  
of your letter perhaps I have expressed myself too  
warmly, but I feel it and I can't help it, I will try  
and write to Louisa, remember me to Mrs. G. and  
and Caroline, Mr. Proger wrote to Frank's paper  
I believe a day or two ago he got a letter  
from here day before yesterday - God bless  
you all ever your  
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Cybert Watson is still here he talks of going on to  
Philadelphia. I suppose he will go to New York