

Dear Burr.

Middleburg Nov<sup>r</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1790.

The second morning after you left us Mr. Herbert & his lady called & took Breakfast. He informed me that Mr<sup>r</sup> Conway the Gentleman he recommends you to at New Orleans, Married a near Relation of the Governor of that place, that his influence is great & the reception his letter will give you, at promises every advantage you could wish. But against this stands some acco<sup>t</sup> circulating here, that the old Governor is recall'd and a new one taken his place. That lately several Scurves of American Property has been made there. Whether these acco<sup>t</sup> are published by Speculators who wish to encourage adventurers down the Mississippi or whether they are well founded is quite uncertain. Should your affairs so stand as to enable you to go down the river, it will be well for you to get some information of these matters, if I am able to pick up any I shall communicate them. It will also be necessary to get other letters besides the one to Mr<sup>r</sup> Conway, for he may be from home, his influence lost or he dead.

I have since you left this purchased Newburgh Cohens part of the land 243 Acres at 20<sup>s</sup>. take parcel with a bond from Isaac Hite and Abram Hite payable the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 1792 with interest from February the 20<sup>th</sup> 1791. But lest or difficulty should be found in getting their bond, I have obliged him to take any other good bond 15<sup>s</sup> in the same manner by some person

residing in that Country. Thus if the Whites deceive you, you will probably be able to sell some lands & get a bond by that means - I am no further accountable to them than in getting such a bond. Charles has also been offering his part which is the last and I may perhaps buy from him.

The sale of Negroes was made yesterday. You will see a list and their prices, they sold full as well as I expected except Scipio who was worth more. I could not attend the sale, having been confined to my room since Tuesday last with what is still called the influenza. I never knew it rage with so much violence as it has in these parts and ended as far round as I can hear for these 10 or 12 days, it has been worse with Miss Mary and myself than the rest of the family. I ventured out about a little this morning for the first time, but am still very unwell, I have not heard of any ones dying with it but Geo. Nicholson who was taken off in about 7 days.

We have furnished ~~you~~ Mr. John Pickett with some goods he will leave about noon unpaic'd between 40 & £50. he says he will try to remit by you, should he do so he will know the exact sum which I have not present with me. Our sales are greatly slower than usual many of the distant customers have not been at the store, whether they get their supplies in the little stores about every where, or whether they do not buy at all I cant tell, collections are equally bad, we have got but little wheat which is now selling at 5/- and may rise a little, less money and as yet not one lb. of Tobacco, for this article there seems to be no great need nor any person yet in the market. The Shippers talk of 2 Dollars.

We remain in the same doubtful state with respect to the war between England & Spain, the publick papers from the office of War, my opinion stands as usual that it will blow over.

I very much expect a letter from you before you

left the Monongahela which I am disappointed in, nor have we heard any thing of you since you passed Isaac Gibbons. I shall be glad you'll find no opportunity that offers for your writing

Very affectionately

A. C. Powell

Negro. Peter	6 Year.	£40. 5. 0 W H Powell
Scipio	12. "	46. 5. 0 Chas Metcalfe
Sibb	6. "	30. 0. 0 with her Child Eli Metcalfe
Geo. Pitt	31.	41. 5. 0 Sand Dews
Whee	0. 0.	29. 0. 0 Abel Morgan
Wat	0. 0.	29. 5. 0 Jacob Pearce
Gabriel	0. 0.	27. 5. 0 Eli Metcalfe
Olivie	0. 0.	22. 0. 0 D. London

The others I kept myself -

I sent Pitt to redeem himself at £150.

Puffor. £102. 10. 0 In. McFarland.

Nov. 21. 1790

Mr. Burr Powell

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