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3d. January 1823

Dear Sir

I have hesitated for some time, whether I would enquire of you, whether I could make an advantageous purchase of lands to settle myself upon in your State, or whether I would enquire for some one or more persons, who owned desirous to purchase a parcel of valuable negros. I have finally resolved, that I will sell my negros, human wherever I can. Lawyers, Doctors, & Merchants, should have nothing to do with plantations, & negros — Overseers, are proverbially, unfaithful, and require as much looking after, as the slaves they oversee. I have not time for this, — Besides, I dislike the slave driving trade, and would most willingly own none, no not one of them.

Understanding that negros are in demand in your part of the world (as they always must be in Southern Country, where heavy forests are to be encountered) I propose to sell to some one or more wealthy, & responsible planters in that quarter from 20 to 30 very likely, young Negroes

almost all of whom, born, & raised in this State, consequently enured to the climate. Will you my dear Sir, do me the favor, (& doing so you may perhaps at the same time, serve some of your friends in Alabama) to make it known among your acquaintenancy? I would deliver possession, during the winter, if a sale can be effected, or at any time before the planting season commences — or I would deliver them next fall.

Be pleased to answer me soon, on this subject — & say what like by, young men, & women, are worth in your part of the world. — I hope you are not as much embarrassed as we are here — Cotton is down to 10 cents — money scarce — & consequently property of every sort very low.

With a lively recollection of former friendship — & sincere wish for your happiness & welfare,

I am dear Sir
Yr. Obt. Sert.
Tho. Flournoy

W. Bolling Hall. —

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