Jas: Dellet Esqr. Petersbg: Octr 12. 1829

Dear Sir We have the Pleasure of knowing you from character through our friends Jesse C. Farrar & Jno. W. Lynch Esqrs of your state, & We have taken the liberty to forward you the Balance due us by Jesse Reid Negro trader which we have sold to Mr. Jesse C. Farrar for one Dollar, which you will please inform him of & Collect the same or if Mr. Farrar Refuses take his note to us for the Amount due us by said Reid that he may be enabled safely to swear the Debt is his; We have known Debts paid both ways with the most concurrences & its certainly reasonable & Correct to try to manage those who try to avoid Justice - We are induced to do this because we cant get the Record to you in time to save the Property that we are informed by Mr Farrar is in the hands of Willis Arrington late of North Carolina & its Probable more will arrive ere you receive this as we are told said Reid is on the Road with Negroes We have annexed you an order for the Record on Hugh J. McKenna New Orleans, should you find you will want it, & will Procure the Original bond & enclose to you from the Clerks office if found necessary. the said Reid absconds from every Place he finds we are Persueing him, he is an artful man & Pretends by way of Stratigem to transfer his Property to avoid Justice but we hope you can make the money for our friend Mr Farrar as he will not suspect his intentions & he can

buy his Negroes & manage him in that Way.
all the evidence your state can require will be
attended to, as soon as its found necessary —
be it understood that Mr Farrar will ~~not~~
Receive from said Lesse Reed Less than $776.70/100
~~from said Reed~~ for said Claim, though you
are at Liberty to Close the Claim at one Hundred
Dollars less than the Balance Pr acct: if it
will save a tedious Lawsuit, at your option
Please do all you can to save the debt which
requires much management & no loss of time
from the experience we have had with said Reed
& those he gets to manage for him — Write us
soon respecting the Prospects &c & obl. yr obt Sts

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Mr Jesse Reid

To Henry Wilkinson & Brothers Dr

1827 Mar 24th	To Amt of your Bond to us on which we obtained judgment for Vs: You in Brunswick Va Superior Court 1828	990	20
	To Interest on ditto to 23rd Apr 1827	4	95
		995	15
	By Cash Recvd 23rd Apr 1827 Cr	100	–
		895	15
	To Interest on ditto to 26 Jany 1829. 2. 2. 27 Yrs. m. Dr	120	82
		1015	97
	By Cash Recd of Jno: Tucker Shireff Cr	47	50
		$968	47
	To Cost on Delivery Bond Clerks fees &c Dr	43	36
		1011	83
	By Cash Expected to be Recvd from an Attachment in New Orleans after Paying Taxd Cost & your Negro Board Cr	235	13
	Balance Due Hy W & Brothers	$776	70

Mr Jesse Reid
Negro Trader & Originally of Brunswick Va

You Will Please Pay to Mr Jesse C. Farrar of Alabama his order or assigns the above sum of Seven Hundred & Seventy six Dollars Seventy Cents for Value Recvd of him by us & We hereby bind ourselves to Procure Vouchers of Lawful Record &c to substancate the Claim should you demand it. of him Witness Our Signature Petersburg Va Octr 4 1829

Hy Wilkinson & Brothers

Hugh F. McKenna Esqr.
New Orleans

Will Please enclose to Jas: Dellet Esqr the Record &c with Vouchers Requisite in our case Vs: Jesse Reid showing the Balance Due us & obl. yrs Very Truly

Hy Wilkinson & Brothers

Petersburg Octr 12. 1829