Claiborne Dec. 15th 1820

Dear Parker

You must pardon me for delaying an answer to yours of 17th Oct. untile this late date - I received it about the 18th of Nov. but have been so constantly employed in receiving and opening Goods since that date, having no assistant, that I really have not had time to write to my Mother —

The Morgiana had a long passage - she arrived about the 4th inst., I sent a copy of the prices of the Violins &c to Winthrop, sometime before the Vessel arrived and requested him to take the principal part of them, as his opportunity for selling them is infinitely better than mine - the purchasers of goods of this kind are generally Bargemen, and as Mobile is "head quarters" for them, I hope he will soon dispose of them -

I went to St. Stephens to see John, about a month ago - I found him very snugly situated - he is keeping house again his Wife is now quite well, and his boy growing fast - John really begins to have the ways of a "family man" —

I am much obliged to you for the Enterpriad - several Numbers have come to hand, but they are almost worn to pieces by the Mail-Bag - We have not many Musical Characters here, but those who have seen it think very highly of it, and I think you will have some Subscribers to it from this place - you may depend on my endeavors to obtain all I can -

I have not heard from N. London but once since I arrived but I am informed from N. York that all our family have had the influenza - I hope they are all well ere this -

Owing to the bad Credit of the Planters, and the extreme scarcity of Cash, business is very dull with us - those who have Cotton do not like to sell it at the present price (12 Ct) and will hold on to it as long as possible -

I will write you again soon and let you know what success we meet with in selling your Goods - If I can be of any service to you I hope you will let me know, for be assured it will afford me much pleasure - With the hope that you will write oftener this winter than you did last - and that you will pardon this first piece of neglect in me - I am Yours Truly

T. Parkin

Make My Respects to your Mother & family - and to Uncle T & his -
I am told Jane is still at N. London, and hope she intends passing the winter with Mother -

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