Syracuse
Nov. 2. 1853

Dear Sir

I received last evening your favor of 29th — Please send me immediately the names of Uncle Peter's wife and children — the name of the town where they live — of the person who claims to hold them as his property — and the names of such persons in the neighborhood as you know would be friendly to our attempt to obtain the liberty of your brother family —

I fear it will be difficult for any one to make any proposal to purchase

them without accidents
the possession of them
master, that they are to
be bought for Peter—in
which case he will demand
$5,000 for them—for so
long as he has any hope
of getting that exorbi-
tant price for them
from Peter and his
friends he will not
let any body else have
them for less money.
Will it not be necessary
for Peter to abandon
the intention of purchas-
ing them at $5000 and
let the monster know
that he has abandoned
it.—

Yours Truly
Saml. J. Mays

I shall write immediately to my Kinsman in Boston Lincs, if he consents to undertake the business I wish to be in readiness to furnish him with all the information he may need.

You know I have two hundred dollars in my care belonging to Peter Still. His drawing / per cent interest — and therefore had better be left here until he needs it —