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Philadelphia, 19th Month 18...

Mr. Goodrich,

Respected Friend,

An extraordinary press of business and sickness in my family has prevented me from replying to your letter of the 9th. I am rejoiced to learn that Peter has been so successful in making collections; and he may, I am sure, assure you that I will not divulge the facts, for I am aware that it is all important it should be kept a profound secret. I think that when Peter understands the position in which the affair now is that he will recall his instructions to me to call on 

R. Goodrich and ask for the money. I became satisfied after a thorough investigation as the circumstances would admit of that the negotiation for the purchase of his family would never be carried to a successful termination by correspondence and therefore I deputized a gentleman (in whom I have full confidence) to

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instructions if he could get possession of the wife and children and carry them to Cincinnati. I instructed him to place himself under the advice and direction of John Simpson an old personal friend and wealthy merchant to whom I wrote giving him all the facts and asking his personal interest and attention. Simpson solicited Peter and promised to give all the aid in his power, but he said the owner had been so frequently opposed by letter and otherwise that it would be very wise for my Agent to go to him, that his feeling towards Peter was very bitter and that the family could not now be bought on any terms. He said further that if we would place the affair in his hands he would embrace the earliest opportunity of carrying out our wishes.

You will readily perceive that in this position of affairs it would be very unwise again to call on Henry Goodrich who are not lawyers but are proprietors of what is known here as a Commercial Agency. The amount named to Simpson at the time Peter can pay for his family is $250, and he is authorized to draw on me at sight for that amount whenever he can make the purchase. I think it would be wise to let Simpson know that Peter can raise command
A long piece and I would address it to you.

With love and respect,

Harry M. Waller