

Dear Sir

Tuesday May 13th 1768.

You will find by this I am still on old Fryall. The Surgeons told you in a letter by Curtis of my continuing until next Spring. I did not well know how to leave it at such a time, unless there had been one to succeed me that did understand Bozling & Claying at length to oblige Mr. Kerr and to serve you. I am sent to stay and instruct Tommy Holt, who I make no doubt will be capable of undertaking and going through every particular relative to it the next year.

I find from yours by Magness that I should go this year. we are quite obliged to you for your kind offer of Betsy Russell. It is very right your objection in regard to the trouble & expence with her; I only mentioned it to you as she told Mr. Scott she would go with her. If you would consent to it, which she would regard she had for us, and that she as well as the rest of your people has been well treated. Mr. Waite & some others of the neighbours has heard them say they wish I would stay as they did not know who would come after me. However as Tommy Holt is here before I leave them. I dare say he will follow my method in the treatment of them; Thank God they are all in fine order and breeding away. I think there is eleven with child now; Merry & Nancy that has not had a child for these many years has now got a fine boy, and Merry is not a little proud of it, whether it is his or not. However let that be as it will. I told him it should be named after him to keep up his name, and if the son turns out as well as the father, he'll be a fine negro.

I thought to have given you a little trouble this year. In sending you some Bills to lodge in some good mans hands where I should be sure of my money, and to have drawn for it when I went to Philad. But I was told no Merchant would have given me interest for it. I thought to have got it to lodge it in Mr. Fullers hands as I believe he is a Merchant. However I have let that drop, I am getting it out of the bad hands, and putting in good. untill next year I offered some to Mr. Kerr but he has no use for them. But he has helped me to a good one, who is Dugate Malcolm, a Bond I had of Mr. Waite for £344. odd money. She gave me a Bill drawn on Mr. Gordon, then I am to let him have, and Mr. Kerr is to be joint Concern. That debt was a debt that Mr. Waite's Father was sued for, by Fairholme & Malcolm, which was contracted by young Waite, when his Father & Mother was in London, and I settled it with Mr. Kerr for her, and took up the writ. We have had fine Sugar weather the beginning of Crop. But wet since the latter end of last month. Its a pitty Magdalen came so late his bringing King Stoves detained him. He arrived a few days ago at the Bay. he tells me he has brought some Potatoes & Drifts. I wish they'd come a month or two earlier.

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