

Wilmington, 10<sup>th</sup> Month, 1847

Respected Friend D.A. Hall

Thy favour of the 25<sup>th</sup> inst. came to hand by due course of mail, it has been so long since I wrote thee, that I almost concluded my letter had not been received. I notice that Pumphrey refuses to sell the children except at their full value, and wishes the mother to return with a promise that she shall be at liberty to live with our friend Buel.

This would no doubt have been considered a priviledge [sic] before she left, but one she feels no disposition to accept under her present circumstances, even should her master never consent to part with her children, on such terms that her friends will be willing to advance funds to purchase them. Thee may rest assured the mother never will consent voluntarily to return, & I hope her master will be induced to fix a moderate price on the children who I presume feel as o attachment for each other, as her master & children if he has any does to each other.

If thee will see him once more, and let me know his decision thee will much oblige thy friend.

Signed Thos. Garrett

Post marked Wilmington, Dela., Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>

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