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Sophie Etate September 4 1830

Dear Aunt

I received your very acceptable letter of 29 March some time since and have observed very particularly all you as well as what Aunt Rachel states in her returned note and in acknowledgement of receipt of draft. It is probable that she may think that the monies transmitted are the proceeds of slave labour, it is not so, I am a sleeping partner in the firm by which the drafts are drawn holding $\frac{1}{8}$ interest in the Concern it is a Commission House in which is Partner the Consul of the U. States (which Office, by the by, I held myself for 4 or 5 years) and the Government nominated upon my designation the gentleman recommended to them by me, and it holds no land cultivated by slaves, nor has ever since its establishment in 1820 been engaged either as principal or agent in the traffic of slaves, nor in any other branch of business to my knowledge that one of the Society's friends would be authorised to engage in, and

The drafts transmitted are from my legitimate pocket
file in Dad's house, as it relates to being kept
distant from my "outward kindred" it is certainly
a fact deeply felt by me, but in view of an argu-
ment against the acceptance of my remittance. I con-
sider that it ought to operate upon just feelings
differently, as having in my power to be useful
to any member of Dad's kindred, must of course
operate towards the annihilation of that distance
and act as a salve on the sorrows of Dile, and
the Castellation to which I refer as to being
separated from the Society of Friends is to be
that answer, I wished as you know, Dec. 1838
where many members of our family reside in the
very midst of friends & settlements, and I found
the Society generally in a most awful state,
from difference of religious opinions with division
and even a theism unfortunately taking root among
them, now I was recognized as a Christian
however soving, and a believer in the Bible though not
a Quaker or friend on a general assembly of all

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the Member of our family living in that State, my Father
stating that he thought it would be useful, solicited
me to embrace the occasion of that Assembly to deliver
to them a discourse Moral and Religious and I did
so, how ever ineffectually in compliance with his
wishes and he said the effect would be good, so
much for my residence away from friends
it related to the Craft saying unites it make
no difference, but I wish you could manage to have
it applied to its intended purpose, and to be
reimbursed from proceeds thereof all the defi-
ferent postage that you have incurred through
me, \$50 annually, can never make me either rich
or poor, and I can well afford it, especially towards
one who claims upon me it of the very highest con-
sideration next to my Father I consider my Aunt
Rachel as standing first amongst those to whom
I am deeply indebted, more so indeed than I can
ever repay by pecuniary returns, and I will
thank you to day whether I shall continue my re-
sidence or not, recollecting that I have never

for one moment cast sight of my pledge, if my life
be spared to reimburse all outlay made by
the Society for her - agreeably to your state-
ment thereof, please to make extract or send
under such part of present letter as you
conceive may be pleasing to her, or conducive
to her acceptance of continued annual remittances,
or the presentation for payment and employ
of the draft last forwarded - The Gale
has fortunately not reached the end of our
Island, it appears for the present to have
descended its ravages, as it has not been
felt this season in any quarter of Cuba, but if
Providence think meet to afflict us here, I shall
be found at my Post amongst my Negroes, and
if I be fated to fall I shall do so in the per-
formance of my duty. I have letters from Ohio
as last a June, and all were doing well there,
except half brother William Phisden his health
was very bad and I have worked him out here
to endeavour to ~~and~~ in its reestablishment

Do I remember my Cousins Margaret & Abby Mat-
son? How could I forget them? I was received in
their Mother's house and treated with every kindness
when I was I may say a desolate orphan, and
I recollect well both of them, and making battle in
their defence when escorting them home, please to give
my very best love to them, and say that it affords
me real pleasure to hear of their well doing, and
that although a peaceable man, and nearly 80 years
of age, were I present with them I would willingly
now do battle for them as a man, were they one or
both mounted, and I was ready and willing to do
a day's work I said that the L^{td} Crafts were
not the product of negro labour, it is entirely
distinct from the Commercial House that holds
and govern 300 Negroes who I believe sin-
cerely to be better lodged, fed, clothed, & taken
care of than the Peasantry of Ireland and most
assuredly more attached to their Masters than
the Peasantry are to their landlords, and it
is not a particular case of good treatment

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the same is general, with exception I admit, but
not with those exceptions. Then are generally found
against all general words. The day is the Sab.
path, and from necessity about 30 are at work,
I see them from my desk, but they are at work
willingly and by contract, the head Commander
receiving at the rate of two dollars the ordinary
Commander at the rate of one dollar and the
common field hand at the rate of half a dollar
1/2 day, to be paid on demand in silver, and food
and clothes of course found them. I had
much pleased with the specimen of such urgency,
never trouble your self about the cost of Port
-age it never troubled me, and I am always
pleased at the receipt of any remembrance
from my natal soil. You see I have written
you a long letter but I shall not promise
also myself to write so fully for I am
you are kept busy by me concerning
I can more repeat write me often I am
to hear from you 10 Oct. 1780. James Mough

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