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has no fears of him called upon for the 10 years damages
as his Lawyers informs him that matter ended with his
Father but the Doctor goes on says that a considerable sum
of money was given for the purchase of this Land to Browns
forefathers and that he is informed Brown got personal
Estate from them which will be liable to reimburse him
provided he looses the Land and for which he will probable
bring an action — I have had much plague with
a Negro fellow of mine called Pompey ~~for stealing a hog~~ when
he has at last got himself into Jail for stealing a hog when
he must lie untill march Court. I dond intend he shall
ever crop the Day but when the Court has done with him
will sell him up at public sale and sell him — I was
much imposed upon in the purchase but must abide
by the loss — I am fearfull Watson will for want of
this fellow be very backward in his work, if it is in
your power I could wish you would rent him some af=
=sistance — I will purchase another man and send you
as soon as I can meet with one to my liking — I cannot
shall be purchased for you — Patty Watson to be married
this day to Mr Eagle — I am much pleased with the
~~Affectionate~~ you give me of Mr Tracy and I am in
hopes he will continue to behave well which I think
little doubts of from the character I have had of the
man — I think myself very fortunate to meet with
such a man as he will make all things move on smooth
and easy for us —

It was with infinite pain that I read your
Letter given an account of Tommy Ringgolds exceeding ill
behaviour both to you and Mr Priestly, I have been flattering
myself that Tom had seen his error and from the very happy
Situation ~~and agreeable~~ I knew he is in that he would
would be satisfied and submit peaceable to the directions
of his friends — He has I think behaved with the greatest
indignity to you and Mr Priestly and in my opinion it
ought not to be put up with and I hope rather than
permit him to carry his point that you will make
use of utmost severities to make him sensible of his
fault and submit implicitly to the controul and
direction of you and a mark of his submission shall
be his immediately applying again to his Father to learn
every thing else you may think proper and you may
depend on duly following this line of conduct you must
with the approbation of the Guardians and every other friend
he has in the world — In consequence of my poor Father
death I have thought it proper to apply to the Guardians
to know what was their intentions with respect to Tommy
— I met with Mr Hemsley at Chester mill on my return
home from Annapolis, on my application to him he