1791 James Clinton [illegible]

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Dear

I received yours respecting Negro Tom I sold a Mr. Plumer. his character is as good as any black man in the land nothing prevented my buying him again but his willingness to leave me at first. but it was to go with his wife I raised him from a child he has no claim to freedom I am told his present master is a very cruel Man and I believe that the Negro Cl. not stay with him I cannot inform you who has the power of selling him I will see Ward and inform you you will buy the Man. I am Sir with respect yrs.

Nich.s Cruse