I would have remitted the money at an earlier period, but at the time the amount was paid I was absent, & have not had an opportunity of doing so until now. – The negroes for the year 1831 were hired for the highest sum that I could get for them – Those in the possession of Mrs Williams, I again hired to her for the year 1832 – commencing 1st Jany. ending 1st Jany. 1833 for the sum of $1000 – I had great difficulty in getting so much. The decrease in the hire must be ascribed to the general failure of cotton crops in the past year. – Mr Gravett gives the same as he gave for the year 1831 – Mr Clement insists on a deduction, the amount however is not determined on. – I mean a deduction for the year 1832. You may rest assured that I have ~~been at~~ used the utmost diligence in obtaining the highest price that could be commanded for the hire.

Please acknowledge the receipt of this communication, as also one of the 27th Nov. last transmitting the sum of $379 37/100.

Respectfully
S. M. Grayson

To Robt. S. Lyghson
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