

Mr. Tilghman

18th Dec 1830

Sir. I recd your letter yesterday, brought to me by Mr. Hambleton, and as he wanted to know at once whether he could buy Margaret or not I went to the Island to day with him. Perry Brooks says he cannot make any arrangement to purchase her himself and it was not worth while to try any more. I dont think he wishes ~~himself~~ to undertake it. Mr Hambleton has determined to go and see you himself tomorrow and wishes me to write about it. In regard to the Price named at first I did not know it was intended for Perry only and Mr Hambleton thinks he ought to have them for that but I merely mention it as you will of course see that matter yourself. Mr Hambleton wishes me to say that if any thing should happen to prevent his going up he wishes to know positively about the matter and that ^{he wants} them for his own use he will take Margaret at Sherwood.

Very respectfully yours

W. Patterson