

Verdale on Lake St John 30 June 1851

Dear Sir

I wrote you about the 20th of
March informing you that I had received
your letter in which you express a desire
that I may seek your negroes. I then had
deceived them all, but had received back from
Mr Grayson four of them, a few days after
which Jerry came to my plantation beg-
ging me to keep him, and if I could not
keep him he begged me not to take him up,
but let him take to the woods again, for
he could not nor would not stay with
Mr Grayson, I concluded to keep him.
The law would justify me in it and wrote
a note to this effect to Mr Grayson.
Jerry complained bitterly of his treatment
at Mr G's plantation, said they never stop
work one hour on acct of weather ^{wholely} he
was at the plantation, and I know that the