

I hired Perry & Eliza to Mr. Grant for \$150
ending their term of hire 15th Jan'y. 1834. -

The residue of the slaves I retained myself
at eight hundred and fifty eight dollars.
making the hire for the whole number delivered
by Mrs. Williams, one thousand and eight
dollars. - the amount proposed to be given by
Clement the last year that they were
hired to Mrs. Williams, and which I think
is a fair hire. The slaves heretofore hired
by Mr. Grant he again hires for the same
price that, he has had them during former
years. Viz. \$155. -

The Negroes in my possession are
anxious to remain with me, and with
your permission, I will continue to hire
them for several years, or so long as they
are satisfied. The hire will be punctually
paid.

I hope you will pardon my ~~neglect~~
reply at an earlier date to your letter of
the 22nd Feby. a reply was postponed in
the hope of receiving a further communication
from you in answer to my letter of
the 7th. I will add in conclusion, and
as a further answer to your letter of the 22^d.
that, my opinion as regards the hazard which
you run by permitting the slaves in Louisiana
to continue there, is, confirmed by some of
the ablest lawyers of this city, among whom is
R. L. Walker Esq. - The whole ^{scope & meaning} ~~subject~~ of the
legislation of Louisiana, clearly inhibits
the continuance of slaves in that state after
the passage of the laws, who are not there
precisely in accordance with the purview
and intent of their provisions. Thus those
slaves were there when the laws were
passed, yet they were there under a limited hire