

Centreville Feb 2^d 1835-

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Dear Sir,

Was it not for not the execrable management of the Post Office concerns I should be utterly at a loss to accounting for your long silence as I am sure you would have ere this written to me had you heard from me in reply to your letters of the 23 & 25th January 1834 - The former of which enclosed a check by the Agricultural Bank of Missipⁱ on the Bank of North America in my favour for \$890⁵/₁₀₀ and the other covering a duplicate of the above check, and saying that you would retain my Negroes on the same terms as you had them on for 1833 - and also informing me that the hire of the Negroes in the possession of Clements representatives was not then due, but would be 1st Feby when it should be remitted but which has never come to hand. Taking it for granted you have not heard from me in reply to your letters above noted, I proceed to give you a summary of the substance of my communications. The receipt of your letters with their enclosures were of course acknowledged and my determination of letting the Negroes here - tofore hired to Clements remain in the possession of his widow and requesting you to receive the hire as heretofore presuming that as Clements was dead you would have no objection to receiving the hire of his widow or representatives. I also made known to you my objections to the deduction of \$113.50 for clothing furnished to the Negroes who were delivered up by Mrs Williams (Blankets excepted) as she was bound to furnish them with all necessary clothing including shoes and stockings and that if she did not comply legal steps ought to have