

in my possession for several years,
but owing to my being under age
I could not use that ~~with~~
~~privilege~~ privilege which I would
like to have done. I hope I may
be spared to attend to it while
living without troubling others
after my death. As he is a very
valuable servant I think his owner
-er will want the best price. I thin-
-k he expreg to me the other day
that he would take. Had I was
worth 1100 or 1200 dollars, I
suppose more of a joke. I think
he can be purchased some under
1000 dollars how much less I cannot
tell as his owner has not decided
the price. Had I the means I ~~would~~
would lay it down with an open
heart (for him) as it is I must
ask the aid of others which I
hope they will grant. I should

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