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My dear Sir, I do not remember urgent troubling you in this matter of negroes & that to no effect or good effect to you. I have it on my mind so terribly by reason of a letter from my uncle Henry Sill Little, Stempy & the form of a telegraphic dispatch you sent me. By the way, do not let me disturb you by the enclosure of this effort, it is only a mellow sort of "letter & cue" but of a letter. I am the correspondent type, running & dodging about very & no good effect to you but it may be one or rather of the Society by bringing our folks down & moderate rates, their lives I allow them to keep on your terms, but they found I was in correspondence with you & they begged & [illegible] their fates" — I have contented with their strong appeal for a short lease when I could get the same for six N.J. or Green N.J. Rupin Young, bind up by then time — Now time is no use they any thing more of negroes, I shall not make it any better — So with assurance of my above appreciation of your outgoings the trouble, mortification & disappointment it may occasion.

Remain dear sir truly & respectfully
your obedient servant
S. T. Little