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Dear Father

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The quarter is now up and I asked Uncle to let me leave off Latin and learn writing and accounts Mr Higginbotham writes me to leave off Latin and Uncle says that since I cannot learn Latin I ought to go home and learn to be a farmer it has all along my wish to do so, it is only wasting time and money in keeping me here Uncle told me to write to you and let you know how it was and whether I must go home or not. Every quarter some of the boys are going away. I hope you and all the family are all well I hope you have got your plowing finished and your corn. Tell Sister since my last letter I have found the cat but she was dead There is a disease which is very prevalent on the Eastern shore which kills the people in a very few hours it is a pain in the head and in the eyes. Aunt wrote to Sister Margaret a very long letter she supposed you have not received or else it would have been answered before this time.

We all join in love to your family and