Dear Sir,

According to my promise wrote to your father I sent your own Letter enclosed which has produced an answer to me & the enclosed Letter to your self. I trusted your state as having waited a fortnight expecting my own letter for you as well as I could—pray let me hear from you.

I shall be glad to learn that you are better reconciled to the Johns River; be particular in your account of the rising & falling of the Water since you have been near it. Let me know how your little Crop of Rice turns out & assign the cause if it has not succeeded to your wish in also of your produce in other grain etc. If you resolve to continue there post it in my power to be of service to you by sending any little necessaries from this place which I will do on your own account. Wait for payment till convenient.

Your father writes that he thinks it better for you to come home it being as he says intolerable to maintain you at the present without hopes of better times—If the writer the same to you & you do not follow his advice you are reasonably expect his further aid—if you persist in making your own fortune it will argue some better past.
hope to have the pleasure of hearing.

I see that Money may be made on that River by Lumber & Timbers of Cypress & my expectations of Rice are very sanguine but the report of Mr. Kentucke Mr. Gray & yourself will confirm or blame them. If the Swamp produces good Rice I am in no doubt of its yielding good Indigo soon & in a few Years after it has been planted in Clay. But judge yourself present situation above all that I have seen, perhaps you may easily move to advantage before all the lands are taken up.

I send you a few articles at the foot which I spoke of your father should do as he is so good as to approve of & says he will pay the expenses.

I wish you Health & success & remain

Yrs.

[Signature]

W. William Bartlem.

1. 1 Hogshead Biscuit
2. 4 Gallons Rum in a Cask
3. 1 Hogshead Beer
4. 1 Hogshead Wine
5. 50 lbs. Brown Sugar
6. 50 lbs. Leaf Sylver
7. 1 Coffee
8. 1 Hogshead Molasses Tea
9. 1 Hogshead Cheese 6 lb. 2.

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