

Dear Sir

Charlestown 17<sup>th</sup> Septem<sup>r</sup> 1766.

According to my promise I write to your father  
& sent your own Letter enclosed which has produced an answer to me & the enclosed Letter to your self. I represented your state as very distressed & forborn expressing my own feelings 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 St. Johns River; be particular in your account of the rising & falling of the Water since you have lived near it. Let me know how your little Crop of Rice turned out & signify the cause if it has not succeeded to your wish & also of your produce in other grain &c. & if you resolve to continue there put 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 & the Negroes without hopes of better times - if he writes the same to you & you do not follow his advice you can't reasonably expect his further aid - if you persist in seeking your own fortune it will argue some better prospect in view than when I was with you, which I shall hope

hope to have the pleasure of hearing.

I do think that Money may be made on that River  
by Lumber & Shingles of Cypress & my expectations of  
Rice are very sanguine but the success of Mr Newlock  
Mr Gray & your self will confirm or blast them.  
if the Swamp produces good Rice I am in no doubt  
of its yielding good Indigo four  $\text{li}^s$  on a few Gant  
after it has been planted in Rice - but I wish your  
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 as at foot which I in-  
formed your father I should do & he is so good as to  
approve of & says he will pay the expence.

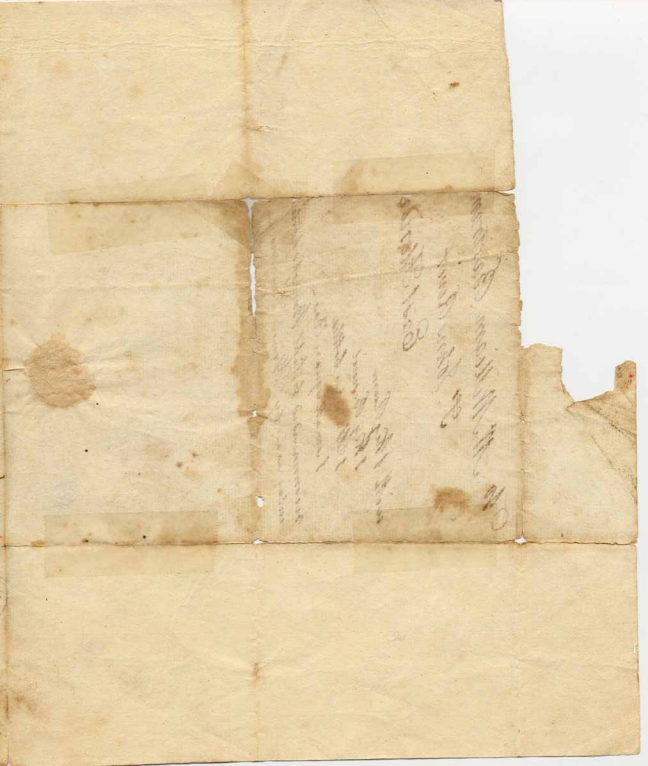
I wish you health & success & remain  
Yours

Your most Obedt Servt.

Amey Laurins.

- 1 Keg Rum
- 4 Gallons Rum in a Keg.
- 1 doz Bus.  $\frac{3}{4}$  in a hamper
- 1 doz Mind.  $\frac{3}{4}$  in a hamper
- 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  lb Brown Sugar
- 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  lb Leaf Sugar
- 1 Coffee
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  lb Bohea Tea
- half a Cheese  $\text{W}^t$  &  $\text{C}^t$

M William Pastorem.



To Mr William Bartram  
St John River  
East Florida

with 1 Key Chain  
1 Key Ring  
1 Key for Collier  
1 small square Box  
recommended to be put in the paper  
unless care be taken to prevent

