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PAUL CUFFE PAPERS

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Chica<sup>go</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>. 10<sup>th</sup>  
1845

Esteemed Friend ~

I have been waiting with great anxiety to hear of your safe arrival at home, and whether will in New York you ~~received~~ any encouragement from our friends there, relative to our African Institutions in this country, and if any should like you to inform us to what extent they are likely to progress.

Several of our friends whose minds have been employed about their residence at Sierra Leone, have spoken to the members of our Society as to the incurrence of expence arising from their transportation, and that we may be able to give them a definitive answer on this interesting subject, is the object I have in view at present.

It is stated in friend Allen's letter to you, that - "the African Institution will have nothing to do with our operations, except as far as concerns the transposition of a few families" It appears from this extract, that they are willing to incur the expence of transporting a few families, now we are desirous to know decisively what that expence will be. Our Society is led to this enquiry, from discovering by the above extract that the African Institution are willing to defray the expences of a few families, and from knowing that the two who have gone from here, have incurred considerable expence, themselves. You will be good enough to inform us whether in your opinion these expences will be refunded to Quovance & Wilson, and whether any others, in all not more than 6 or 8



families who may go from here, will be considered as under the  
pecuniary care of the African Institution of London.

We seek this information that we may give a definitive  
answer to enquirers, as to how and by whom their expenses are  
to be paid, and likewise whether in your opinion the African  
Institution would bear the expenses of those who ~~may~~ may have a  
desire to return to the United States, in case the climate there did not  
agree with them, or any other information you may deem proper  
on this subject will be thankfully received.

The Society desires me, to wish you, to be particu-  
larly ~~to~~ ~~remembered~~ remembered to Florence &  
Wilson & their Families & they further beg that they  
may write them as frequently as possible and they wish  
you all a prosperous voyage, my family joins me  
in love to you & Family.

I remain yours affectionately,

James Forten

Esteemed Friend

Chicago April 6<sup>th</sup>  
1810

I received your favour of the 13<sup>th</sup> of last Month, and laid its contents before our Society, which met on the 4<sup>th</sup> of this month, they appear to be much pleased to find that you have determined on going out to Africa this Year, and as you are very desirous of knowing how many passengers we can furnish for you from this City, the Society has directed their Secretary (Rufus Carrier) to write you fully on that subject.

I am very sorry to inform you that I have been much disappointed in my expectations, for when I last wrote you I thought your ship ~~would~~ <sup>and paid you well</sup> should have sold to a very good advantage for all your loss of time and trouble, but things is much changed here since then, there appears to be no one desirous of purchasing her at present, indeed all mercantile business seems to be at a stand.

I will repeat to you my opinion, I think a good voyage might be made in her, by going from here to New Orleans, and taking freight to Liverpool, and by going yourself you would have an opportunity of making arrangements with the African Society there, and return in good time for your voyage. I have been informed that there is a great deal of cotton in Orleans, that must go to Europe, but I know you must be better informed on that head than I am, I shall therefore leave to your better judgment the propriety of the voyage. I can with pleasure inform you  
turnover



that in conversation the other day with John James, he desired  
me when next I wrote you, to inform you, that he had seen the  
Spanish Minister Don Ono, who inform him in their conver-  
sation, that your claims against the Spanish government,  
would all be amicably liquidated, which will be something  
very <sup>pleasing</sup> ~~pleasing~~ to you and I am happy to let you know that  
it has pleased Divine Providence, to bless us with a nother  
daughter, on last sabbath day, Charlotte, is as well as can  
be expected, and joins me in love to you and Family

I remain your ever affectionate  
friend and well wisher

James Foster

Nantucket 3m: 4. 1815

Paul Cusse

Respected Friend

We hereby hand thee  
ap sale of 12 sides leather received in 1m:  
for sale on thy ap, also the amount due  
thee ——— thy assured friends

W. S. H. G. Hodge

W. S. H. G. Hodge. We received some leather from Michael  
Wainwright & should have sent the Balance due  
him, but have mislaid his letter and have  
not <sup>the</sup> amount (or sum) due him which please  
inform him ———

Sale 12 sides leather by W. S. H. G. Hodge  
for ap Paul Cusse ———

5 sides ap — \$1.33 ——— \$4.65

7 ditto ——— 8 ———  
\$ 12.65

Com. 5% fitting ——— 68

1m: 28. 1815 ——— \$ 12.52

Errors Excepted  
W. S. H. G. Hodge





Boston Nov: 15th 1815

Capt. Paul Luff

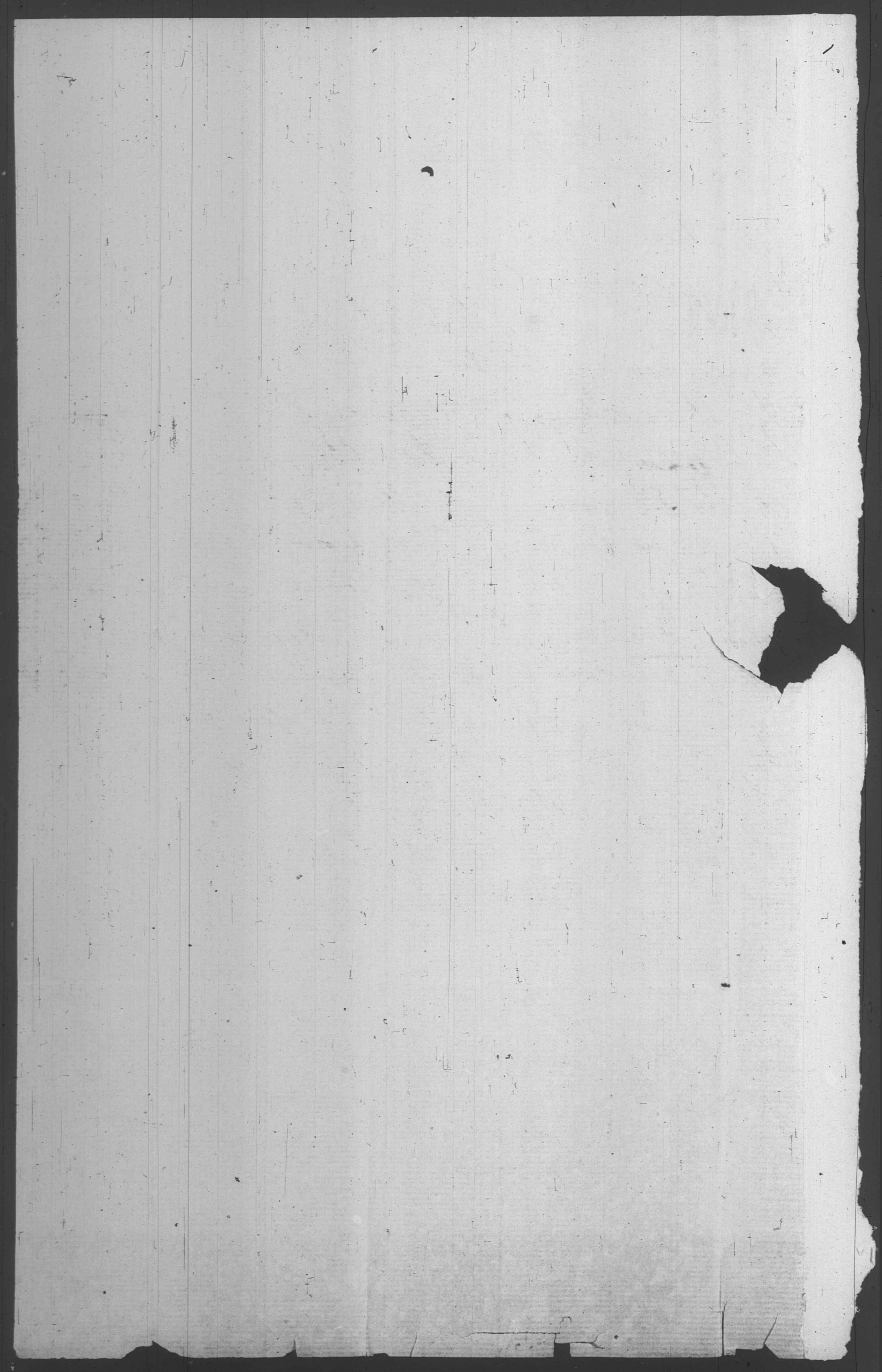
Dear Sir,

I received your esteemed letter last evening and in answer am sorry to say it is out of my power to go with you as I am now engaged to go in the brig Silk Worm, Captain Parker Burnham belonging to Ignatius Sargent Esquire of this place.

Please, Sir, to accept of my most sincere thanks for your kind offers, and earnestly wish it could be in my power to go with you, and should you at any other time wish for me when, it is in my power I would give me great pleasure to be at your service, wishing you a very pleasant and prosperous voyage. I subscribe myself your friend and very humble servant -

Wm Freeman





Respected Fr<sup>s</sup>  
P Coffee

Newport Nov 2 - 1815

The watches I send by Capt Phillips with the inclosed Bill which at first sight thou may conclude high but in several of the watches I have thrown in several things which would have increased it I believe every watch is much lower charged than if they had been done in any other shop in town, excepting the double cased one of Mrs Gains, which required repairs that I did not consider myself master of - I put her into the hands of another who charged me \$11.50 which is a little more than I expected, say 2 dollars which I tried to get deducted but without effect - The watch above is a very valuable one I should say she would sell in this country for 70 Dolls & will there fore be worth the repairs tho high - The one belonging to Moses Jones is very poor but I have endeavored to do the best I could with it, in hopes to make it answer some purpose - I apprehend the people in that climate perspire more than in this which makes their watches rust exceedingly & they were all in very bad order - I have put the gold down exactly as I sold it to Mrs Nichols - two of the peaces was pure - & some of it was mixed with silver which lessened the value, & the two ear rings was very poor Jewellers gold, which thou wilt see by my account - The ballance of my acct I should be glad to have as I am in want of money to lay in my wood



Capt Phillips will receipt the Account — Thou  
with excuse this remarks I mean it not as a dun — Knowing  
that thou art remarked for prompt pay — should thou  
be dissatisfied with my acct thou may correct it as thou  
pleases & I will promise to be satisfied. —

I wish thee a prosperous voyage, that it may turn to  
thy account in a temporal sense, but more abundantly  
that in promoting the good of poor long suffering Africa, early  
in my life a concern for that people prevailed in my heart  
& many a sigh has escaped me on this account, & tho'  
friends of all others in the world have most distinguished them-  
selves on their behalf, it seems a little remarkable that  
so few appear to have been made acquainted with our  
principles — their views seem much outward, — silence is  
irksome. the benefits of which I often wish for them more  
than words — for with words life evaporates — I believe  
a solid weighty frame could they be made acquainted  
with it would do more for them than preaching — It  
is a little remarkable that at present there is not a  
single black person who attend meeting with friends in  
this Town — I feel desirous for thy individual  
preservation, & I doubt not but thou wilt readily

admit that watchfulness even unto prayer is as  
necessary for thee now as in former days, — when  
thou wert last absent at Africa often wert thou  
the companion of my silent moments & thou wilt  
not be left so now, & I also wish thee to shake of  
me & if our Prayers are reciprocal perhaps they  
may be availing — I have written in haste but  
remain thy affectionate friend *Step<sup>r</sup> Gould*



from  
Stephen Gould

Paul Cuffee  
Westport

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William Chapman 2647

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\$7-50



Liverpool. April 8. 1815.

Paul Cuffee.

Westport  
Massachusetts.

We have occasionally had the pleasure of addressing you through Mr. [unclear] now write a line merely to advise a decree of Bonaparte's abolishing the Slave Trade in France. This some Compensation for the miseries he has inflicted on Mankind, & even if the Bourbons should recover their throne we hope they will not in this instance be ashamed to imitate so splendid an example. — We know you would be

interested in the circumstance & have been so kind to communicate it to you.

The speech of the Prince Regent, leaves us no hope of continuing at Peace & every hour we may expect news of the commencement of hostilities —

Our vessels are daily arriving & we hope it will not be very long ere we again have the pleasure of seeing you among us. We are always very respectfully  
Your assured friends  
Rathbone & Hodgson



*Abolition of the Slave Trade by the French Government*  
*— Imperial Decree —*

*Napoleon Emperor of the French - we have decreed & do decree*  
*as follows.*

*Art 1<sup>st</sup> - From the date of the present decree the Slave*  
*Trade is abolished - no expedition for this Trade shall*  
*be allowed in the Ports of France nor in those of our Colonies*

*Art 2 - No Black shall be introduced into our Colonies*  
*for sale, in pursuance of the authority of any French or*  
*Foreign Treaty.*

*Art 3 The Violation of the present decree shall be punis-*  
*hed by the confiscation of the ship & Cargo to be pronoun-*  
*ced in our Courts & Tribunals.*

*Art 4 Notwithstanding the above, expeditions ~~which~~*  
*out before the publication of the present decree shall*  
*be allowed to sell their Produce in our Colonies*



Ship letters arrived

6<sup>th</sup> 1815

Paul Scipie  
Westport  
Massachusetts

SHIP



Liverpool. May 20. 1815.

Care of the Traveller

Paul Cuffee.

Chestport

We had the pleasure  
of writing to you on the - J. S. Whitcomb

In a letter recd a few days since from  
Sir Sir. Lubbock of the above Sh. our acci.  
of the Com. Board of Thos. Wainwright, we made  
no charge for duty, but the buyer took it with  
the understanding that it was duty paid;  
it passed through our two hands since  
by transfer, without being taken away  
either for Consumption here or for exportation  
It was not discovered till a short time  
since. We shall therefore have to solicit  
your retirement of that object for us from  
Wainwright's account."

In reply we have stated that  
we cannot without your authority, retain  
the funds, but as the demand is perfectly



Equally we had no doubt you would  
give us permission to pay it. In the mean  
time we have remitted the money under  
their guarantee that it should be returned  
and if you should not confirm our pro-  
ceeding -

Our supplies of American Produce  
generally have hitherto been inconsiderable.  
The greater part of the supplies of Flour  
Cotton have already been purchased by  
the Consumers. Other prices are still  
maintained at  $19\frac{1}{2}$  -  $21\frac{1}{2}$  for Wheat.  
 $2\frac{1}{4}$  -  $2\frac{1}{10}$  for Sea Island. For 38¢ per lb.  
Turpe.  $24\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per Cwt. - Quercetron Bark  
is almost unsaleable at  $25\frac{1}{2}$  -  $28\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per Cwt.  
Potatoes have been selling at  $\$2\frac{1}{2}$  per 60¢.  
Potatoes & Peas at  $78\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per 80¢. but the late  
arrivals have not yet been brought into  
the market. Tobacco is in good  
demand at  $12^{\circ}$  -  $16^{\circ}$  for middy &  $18^{\circ}$  -  $22^{\circ}$   
for fine - The remainder, always with  
great esteem. Your assured friend  
Rathbone Hodgson





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*Paul Cuffe*

*Superior  
Philadelphia*

*Westport*





Duplicate

Liverpool 19 October 1815

Paul Cuffe

Westport

Your favour of the 17 April requesting us to ship a small apartment of Earthenware and a Cask of Glass Tumblers, we have before us & now we have the pleasure to enclose the Invoice & Bill of Lading for the ware agreeable to your order. As we have not been able to make this shipment to New Bedford direct, we have conformable to your directions, shipped it to New York to the address of ~~Edw~~ Barker & Co by the Virginia Capt Child we trust it may reach you in safety and that both Earthenware & Glass may prove exactly what you wished us to procure for you. We debit your account with the Amount of Invoice for 7 Crates of Ware Cash 23 Novr 1815 £7. 17. 1

|                                                |    |                  |
|------------------------------------------------|----|------------------|
| Amount of Invoice for 1 Cask of Glass          | 25 | 15. 11. 2        |
| together Sixty three Pounds eight shillings 23 |    | <u>£63. 8. 3</u> |

You will perceive that we have effected Insurance on these Invoices, although you have not given us any instructions respecting it, but as we are of opi-



-mon that you would have named it had it not  
 escaped your attention and knowing your prudence  
 we have concluded that it will best suit your wishes  
 to have your property insured, particularly at this  
 season of the year. Since we have been in posses-  
 -sion of your letter we have received from John Lubbock  
 £99.17.3 ninety nine Pounds 17/3 on your account  
 which with the sum of £482.13.7 already noticed to you  
 in our respects of the 16th of last will make the amount  
 you mention as what should have appeared at your  
 credit in Account Current. - We trust that your  
 projected voyage to Africa may be attended by prosper-  
 ity - and after having informed you that we have  
 written to Mr Barker & Co by this conveyance with a  
 Bill of Lading we shall conclude with our best wishes  
 for success in your undertakings & remain very respectfully

Your obliged friends...



Original p Virginia,

|            |           |
|------------|-----------|
| 482.13.7   | 250       |
| 99.17.3    | 200       |
| 582.10.10  | 63.8.5    |
|            | 513.8.5   |
| Supplement | 69.2.5    |
|            | 582.10.10 |



SHEET

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Copper

Westport

Liverpool 13<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1845.

Paul Cuffe

Westport

We had the pleasure on the 15<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup>  
by the Virginia to which we beg your reference and  
we have now to acknowledge the receipt of your esteemed  
favour of the 26<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> advising us of your  
having valued upon us for Two hundred Pounds  
Sterling in favour of William Allen which has  
appeared & been duly honored.

The former part of your letter our respects of  
the 15<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup> will have already replied to and we  
have only to add our good wishes for your success  
in the course you are again about to embark in  
and our assurances of esteem & regard - we are

Very respectfully  
Your obliged friend

Richard Hodgson



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