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PAUL CUFFE PAPERS

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Boston March 27th 1815.

Esteemed Friend,

It has pleased that Almighty Being who controll all things to put an end to the unhappy & ruinous war in which the unprincipled wrath of man had involved us, & to restrain for a time at least, the remainder of that wrath, by the restoration of our peace & prosperity.

Hallelujah for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth, & it is he ~~who~~^{whose} hath said to the sword which prevailed in our land thus far shalt thou go, & then return to thy scabbard. Accept Dear Sir my most sincere congratulations for the recent deliverance which the universal Parent hath vouchsafed not only to us, but to the whole Christian world. The present peaceful attitude of Christendom is suited

to confirm the faith of every
candid enquirer after truth,
in the predictions of the venerate
Prophet Isaiah, especially in
that portion of his sublime writings
where he speaks of the ^{ultimate} triumphs
of Christianity; when the benignant
principles of the Prince of peace
shall fill the whole earth, as the
waters fill the sea; when men every
where shall beat their swords into
ploughshares, & their spears, into
pruning hooks; & when men every
where shall become ^{affectionately} united in
striving to the welfare improvement
& happiness of their brethren of
mankind. Such are some of the
animating prospects which the sacred
scriptures unfold to us. We thus see
even to abundance that the sword must
not, & cannot forever prevail, for
the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

I have been very much indispo-
sed for several weeks I am so much
so ~~that~~ I have to leave my school
& furnish a teacher. My physician
says he thinks it best for me, to
go a voyage to sea for my health, &
that he would advise me to go as far to

the south at least as St. Domingo, or
Africa. I have concluded therefore
if I can make an arrangement to
go with you to Africa I should like
it, as I have promised a young
gentleman to take charge of my
school in whom I think I can place
most implicit confidence.

There are several families
who are very desirous to go to Africa
to live they wish me to request you
to write particularly when you shall
probably be ready to go, on what
conditions you will carry them &c.

With respect to the commercial
company we conversed upon the last
time I saw you I think we shall be
able to do something about it soon.

An enterprise of that kind is
new to most of the people of colour
among us, & many of them who are
able to contribute much towards such
an establishment are unwilling to do
but little until it is started. The most
of them wish to make a beginning by par-
tially freighting a vessel to St. Domingo. &
if successful in that undertaking then pro-
ceed on a larger scale, build purchase a vessel

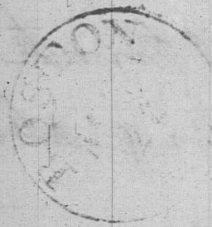
trade to Africa &c. An association
is forming for that purpose which
it is contemplated will go into imme-
diate operation yours truly

Capt Paul Cuffee Prince Saunders

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Capt Paul Cuffee
Westport



Oliver Friend
Pauli Cuffee

Birmingham Aug 10 1815

I wrote thee some time back of the
Declaration of Peace & of the Propriety of thy looking at
voyage to Maddy in order to collect our old Debt or
My Debt of S. Rice & to lay a plan to get on some
Klaster & to fix some plan of a constant Trade that
way in Case thee had any ~~ambition~~ that way & was
in full hope thee would have Replied there to & if thee did
not Incline to go on there thyself that thee would have
thought of some plan of the kind for some of thy Connections
that thee would have approved to have sent on in thy place
but I presume not would do like or as well thyself but
have not heard one word from thee ever since which make me
think thee must have Disapproved of the Plan but even then
thee might have Replied thereto & still think unless thy mind
is otherwise ~~Better~~ engaged with some more ~~suvised~~ plan
that my suggestions of Property put in Practice would undoubt-
edly be advantageous to both thee & us & am Charly
still of the same mind for if thee only went down with
one or two Vessels & take funds with thee to load one
two or five Vessels that have Cargoes would kindly
sell for a good price & leave a handsome Profit never

knew a time that about 5 to 1000 Tons of Plaster would
do better together with about 20 or 30 Tons of small good
Nova Scotia Limestone now if thou has a mind to take
work in that way we will go concerned with thee in the
whole business thou can go on Purchase the Plaster on
Joint account & ship it to our Address Bored to
Wilmington or Phil^a as we might Judge best let
the vessel stop at the Creek's mouth for Instructions
we will do the business, Clear of Charge here &
thou will do the same there & Draw on us for amount
of the Purchase money in any thou may think best but
to order on Produce from here would be most advantageous
& give the vessels some ballast home & we will divide equally
the Profits all Arents thy answer Explicitly
by Return of mail will oblige thy sincere friends

N. B. Have taken my son in law Brian & Stephen
John Stephen into Partnership

& the firm is Brian & Stephen should thou think well of
going any thing as above every thing depend on Dispatch
James Brian

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Capt. Paul Cuffe

Near West Point

C. Haff.



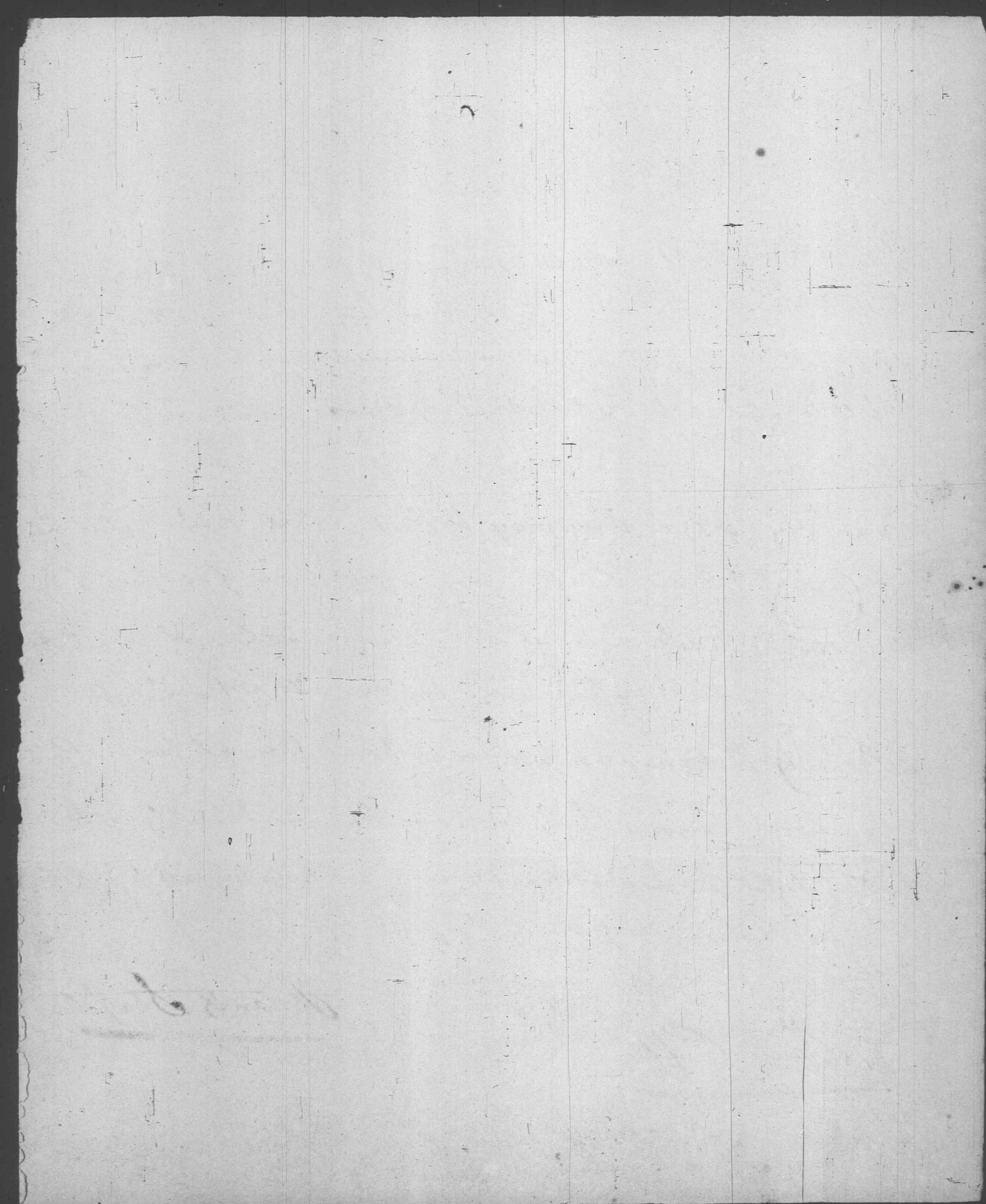
Eternal Friend

Wilmington Dec^r 26. 1815

Thy favour of 29th of last month by Captain Davis I duly
Received & note the Contents & may say that I hope before this comes
to hand that thy Brig will have gone on to ~~Eastport~~ or whatever other
Port or place down there that our Government may have fixed for our
Vessels to enter at that & that she may succeed in getting a Cargo of
Plaster to come on here as soon as possible as the Article is very much
wanted here & that she may be fixed in that Trade until she
may want her in the fall to go on to Sardinia if so she is fully
authorised to draw on us to any Reasonable am^t. at a short
sight it shall be duly removed & paid & we will put sufficient
Property that may answer her on board to enable her to obtain
the Remaining Cargos &c we wish to hear from thee immediately of thy
Clear Intentions & what we may depend on as we anxiously wish to embark
in the Plaster business sincerely thy friend

Brian & Stapler

To Paul Cuffe



Dear Friend W. Livingston 5th 6. 1815

We Recd^d thine of 27th of last month & are sorry
that thee did not use more exertions in ~~fitting~~ fitting out thy brig to go
down for cargo of Plaster as that Article is now very much wanted
& would sell off for a good price as to the duty thee mentions that will ^{not} operate
much against it as all that comes on out of main the duties are
re-imbursed but whether or not the article would readily sell with that
addition we think if thee had any mind to go into the business this
season with thy brig that one voyage inevitably would yield more
than two again there is no refusal of the Plaster kind to be got this way
that if thee don't incline to put the brig into that ~~last~~ last thee
should send on others immediately that would bring on for us
2 or 3 or 500 Tons if thee can on any reasonable Terms we
will thee to immediately Charter such as may be had & either go
down myself which we would prefer or send on some Capable
Person to do the business either ^{on} our Account or joint account
thee might surely get Calkers to put thy brig in order and
send her off or go thyself & lay some sure plan to have a
quantity sent on this or next month we beg thee to consider
the matter Maturity & let us know as soon as possible
thy full Determination thy draft on us will duly Honor
& paid for any sum Requested to procure the Plaster & write us
by Return of mail thy full Determination there has but one or
two small cargoes yet arrived in Phil^a with sincere regard thy
friends —

Brian & Stapler

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Paul Coffee

West Port

Massachusetts

Estimable Friend
Paul Cuffee

Wilmington 6th 13. 1815

we received thine of the 5th 17. & hast stating that
if thee made any head way in the Plaster business that thee would
give us early notice thereof. we have not heard any thing from
thee since & would now wish to know whether thee intends going or
sending the brig down or not as we intend making arrangements for
getting a winters supply should conclude to put the brig in
for the season before or by the middle of the 10th month thee might
make three runs or two easily & might possibly collect
Reins note & have all our old matters settled if she is gone
before this reaches thee & a good safe man goes in her as master
we thee shall be likely to put in as much Return Cargo of
corn flour & Pork as will purchase her two cargoes &
perhaps load several more down there as will answer
us all the season the last sale has been at 13 dollars in
Phil^a but what it will sell at we dont know but
think it will not fall under 10 to 12 this season but
what ever the Price is at Phil^a on her arrivall we will give
thee the same here or be concerned in the Cargo all through
the first Trip & make agreement for any other Trip when she
comes & perhaps my son in law may go down in her the next
trip if we can arrange matters so as to answer thy immediate
answer will oblige thy sincere friends we are all well as
is John James & family the last heard from them

Green & Stapler

Answered



Paula Cuffee 30

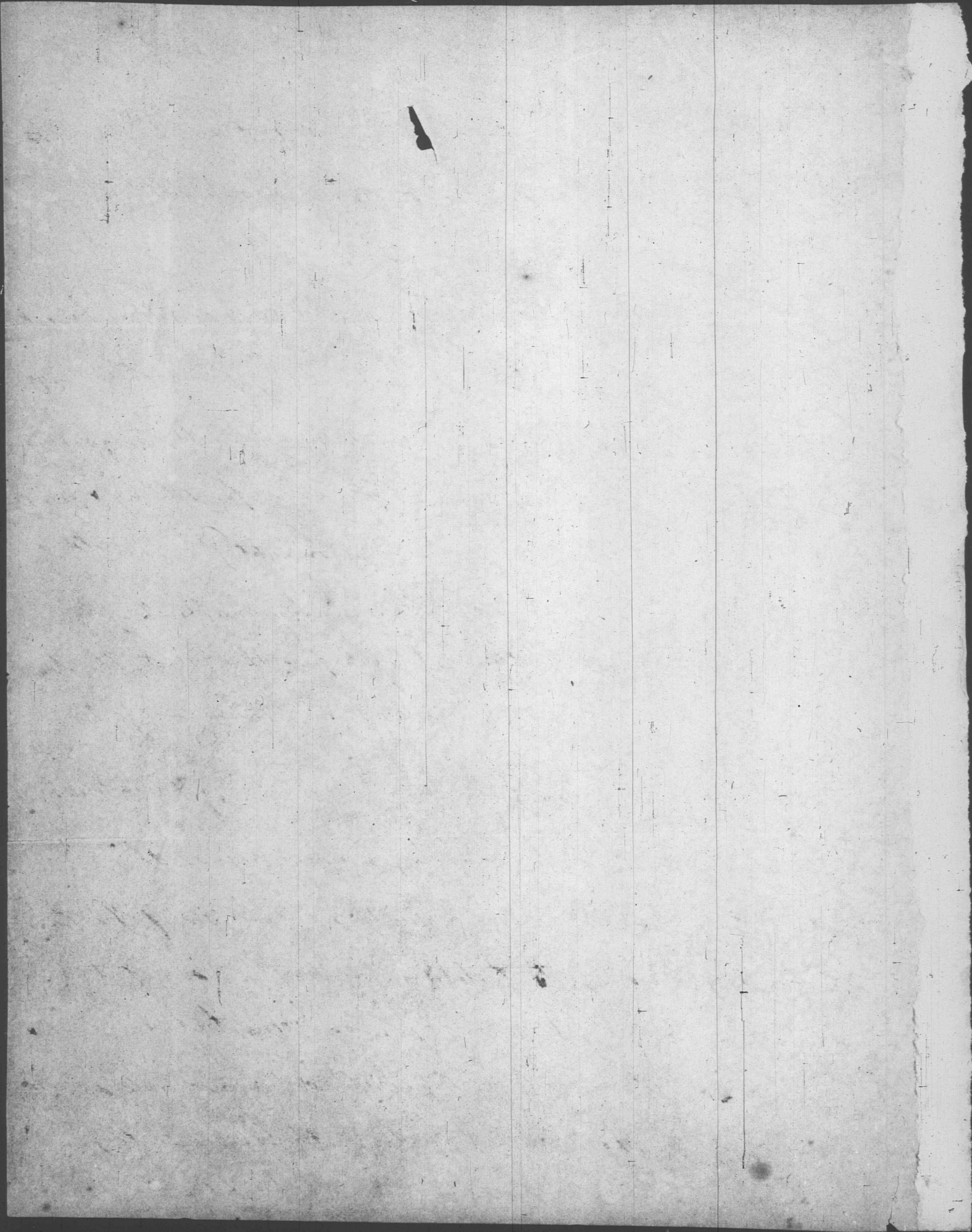
~~West Port~~

West Port

Massachusetts

Estim'd Friend, Wilmington Jan 25. 1815

we received ~~the~~ 12 instant wrote answer by
mail since which we included the ship the owners not willing to take
the going Price say 11 Dollars have left it subject to the market when
they return we making use of as much as we advanced them here &
we have agreed with them to go down to gradually for another cargo
for us putting in as much produce as will purchase the cargo they
are to have freight on the property out & commissions for selling & purch-
asing the plaster & 4 1/2 Dollars per Ton freight for the plaster
if they have good success we hope they make another voyage
besides this they are going after in time before they want the ship
to go on to Nicholsona but that will depend on their success this
Trip John James went from here this morning & is in great
hopes of seeing thee at Phila. soon to fix about your ship. He is
in great hope of going on to Europe this fall to see if he can
recover some of his & thy old debts in order to fix on some future
arrangements on business that may open or occur between him &
his friends there it certainly will be thy interest to come on as soon as
thou can to fix up & do something with the ship we are thy
Sincere friends
Brian & Stapler



apt. Paul. Suffer

To James Taylor Dr.

1815.

Nov. 20th to replenishing a Medicine Chest with the articles
below mentioned

	Qty.	Price	Total
8 g. Marks 100	1 3/4	28	1 28
1/2 lb. Flowers Sulphur	75	12 g. Cream Tartar	56 - 1 31
12 g. Powd. Rhubarb	17	10 g. Basilium	50 - " 67
1 g. Powd. Salap	25	12 g. Symp. Pikes	75 - 1 "
24. Tartar Pikes	75	1 g. Camph. 8 g. 2 1/2 lb. 50	1 25
11 g. Turpin's Cerate	66	2 1/2 g. White plaister	75 - 1 41
2 g. Laudanum 1/2 lb.	50	4 g. all. Opht. 1/2 lb.	75 - 1 25
3 Papers Bitters	30	2 g. Bals. Capivi 1/2 lb.	28 - " 68
10 doz. Mus. Pills	34	1 Bottle Charta Oct.	175 - 2 59
3 oz. Chamomile	30	1 box Laid 1 Camph. pills	90 - 1 20
1 Hat Case	10	Leather	40 - " 50
6 g. Tinct. Marsh. 1/2 lb.	58	2 g. Elis. Vitro	16 - " 74
1 g. Regerius 1/2 lb.	20	1 g. Sugar of Lead	17 - " 37
1 g. Commanders. 1/2 lb.	30	12 g. Sp. Turpentine	19 - " 49
4 g. Rhododoc 1/2 lb.	50	1 g. Sp. Nit. dulc.	12 - " 62
2 g. 1/2 lb. Heartshorn	20	4 g. Clox. Salutis	25 - " 45
12 Injection Powders	75	8 papers. Trach. Rot.	50 - 1 25
3 g. Strengthening Salve	30	1 Ovis Syringe	25 - " 55
8 doz. Dysentery pills	66	1 g. Cantharides	100 - 1 66
2 g. 1/2 lb. Lassar 22		6 doz. Alb. brachia	50 - 1 33
10 doz. Soap Pills	40	2 g. Salt. Tart. 1/2 lb.	20 - " 70
3/4 g. Goulard 1/2 lb.	16	1 Lock and Key	25 - " 41

\$ 21.71

Received Payment

for James Taylor

Edward Phillips

Report, 20th Nov. 1845.
Apt. Paul Buffe

Dear Sir Mr. Wake being so fully employed that he
could not repair your Medicine Chest
himself, requests me to do it. I have complied with it, in
the best manner I could, and you have my bill annexed
amounting to twenty one dollars & seventy one cents - 21.71

Value of the Chest and contents as it came to me - 14.00
Total present Value of the Chest - 39.71

In the old Chest were many articles which had totally
perished through age and I was obliged to throw them
out & replace them by new ones. Many of the
were entirely empty & others partially so. I have
up every thing agreeably to the Book of directions, & you will
now find it a very complete & useful Chest.
I hope it may meet your approbation. I am
Yrs. Obedt. Servt.

James Taylor

apt. Paul ^{Worcester}
West Port
Massachusetts.

Scipio County of Cayuga 17th 8^{mo} 1815

Dear Uncle Paul Cuffe I Set me Down
this Evening after Labouring hard to write to
the that we are well as to our health but
I received thy Letter which came at hand by one
of our Scipio friends as thou whisperd me to come
Down in the 8^{mo}. But I can tell the that it is
so that I cannot for I have my English harvett
to take care of & it is a matter of importance
What month I shall come Down if I am well
But I feel depressed to see the before thou goest
as Departs out of this Coft and Steers for Africa
I was in hope if it were for the best that thou
not go that Voyage a gain or

But if thou thinkst it is aite for the purpose
I can give the up or if thou should go I hope that
thou will be of service to them or usefulness
to the colored people in Africa & but first
Open thine Eyes and take a view at home or there
A Boats I find that there is great need of
Looking at home or I must end writing on
this subject or the wants to know how my
Business is arranged I am free to tell the air
In the first place I bought the farm for \$1050
to pay 200 down and give a mortgage back for the
Remainder but when my money came I paid 650-
So Phillips Kinsley said that he would not exact
a mortgage but would take my note for the ^{indebted} money
that is 400 dollars the rest not due on demand he was
not to call under 4 years but now he is taking
a way his widow calls

And I must make it out this fall the amount
is due to Humphrey Howland the agent &
that comes due next spring so that it will
work very hard except some one will
befriend me I shall have a little grain
to spare & whether it will command money
so soon as I shall want it or not I cant tell
this is the particulars as near as I can state at
Now my uncle feels willing to help me, shall
be glad and feel thankful B. fields making
the secure ⁱⁿ with the Land
as geelien Talmon is coming down I can make
Use of this opportunity he expects to set out
In 3 days Sidney is at my house and has been
here helping the girls & waxes and expects
to go to Ginnon soon she and Charles expects to
go to Keeping house so I remain thy
Sincere and Well Wishing Nephew
Gardner Vainer
I
Thy Uncle Paul Cope

To Capt. ~~21~~

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Paul Cup
Westport Matter