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PAUL CUFFE PAPERS

SERIES A

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FOLDER 6

Brother ~~in~~ Paris August 14th 1815

Dear uncle I received they

Letter on the 12th instant and I found very thorough
much to me and my wife and it illustrated
my mind so that I am not able to do what is
right you on the subject I am going over to
Hack bridge this week to see brother Michael
to consult with him on the business and then
I shall be better able to right you more
particular I want business to be legal and
accurate what ever is done I do want ~~the~~
my mother in Law to have her just due and
what ever is right I would wish satisfactory

As that is we are all perfectly well at
this time hoping these few lines will find you
all the same situation and so I leave it
in the hand that can give or take a way
and blessed is he I remain your
Sincere Son

Thomas Wainwright

As Wainwright has bin some complaining
but is getting about a gain but not huge

Clinton N.Y. 18th August 30

Paul Cuffe

merchant Westport
in the District of New Bedford
Massachusetts.

1811



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Brother in Paris August 21st 1815

Dear uncal ..

I was To my Brother Michael yesterday
and We Talked The Business over and We
concluded To come Down in Next month
and We Think it is best for The Co
go on and Take the inventory
Leaguallly What is To be inventory

Nb. our fammaliays is all well and in
good heath - and Like wise all our relations
and a quantances - it is a fine time of
heath in This Country

I Remine Theyr sincere
Cotier Thomas Wainer

I would be glad To see if Their --
is any body or vessel coming
up To albaney This fall or soon.

Wentworth 22^d August
Capt

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1815

Paul Cuffe
West Port in the Dist. of
New Bedford Massachusetts
(Singular)

Newyork october 28th 1815.

Dear unal

I shall in forme you from this
place I have bin To Phila del^a. and Returned
back a gaine so far for home I do wante to sea
yo a gaine but it is out of our Power of gaining
Each other a gaine for the preasante and I
must give it hoping That it may be so That
We shall come to geather a gaine if it is our
masters Will my Love is with you and all
The infoyments That you can find For I am
a Trade you will have a hard voige but a
grate Deal better Then what my mind is at
This time, but wishing you a supe voige and
Prosperous one and a satis factory To my mind
and wishing To hear from you when convenient
and concerning Them watches That I had in my
Cair I now Leave with you wish you To take
Charge of Them and The satisfying Them for me
I have for got The names of Them Whome They
belong To but wishing Them To have satisfactory
No -

and now I do wante The Take Charge of What
is now belonging To me if The Dus find freedom
So To Do I Left all my a counts for a collection
With David Edmons Jun^r. and I gave him a power of
a Turney To act for me and He has a power of mine
in Th^{er} hands That was given in Siredone my
goods and Chattels That I Left I have Lost the List
of Them and some other papers To geather I do
Wish the To Look in my books To see if I did
not Entr them Downe I have for got the goods
That I Left With Friend Edmons and how hold goods
Th^{er} was a bout them as well as I do

Now concerning the Schooner called the
adventurer that was belong to me in part
concerning of that bill of Exchange of
a mount of \$120 starting which was given
by the government and I did not get
it and all the rest of her affairs I do
wish to be clear to and settled if
she is now in being I do want my
part of her ~~share~~ to the best advantage.
David Edmands has all the papers belong-
ing to her however you will see about
it how it is when you get their and can
be a better Judge of ~~that~~ what is their
at your a Rival but my ~~expectation~~
is that you will do as well as ~~can~~ for me
I am your sincere friend
Thomas Wainer

Ms
I came from Philadelphia near in New York
on seventh day coming quite unwell
and I have to inform you that all our
friends Wishes to be Remembred to them and
they Lammaley and I have Received that money
from the bank and got it out in a Travelling
note to be Laged in Ulica Bank and
for me to draw the amount of the note -
and concerning of the Ship I did not agree to
take charge of her friend James is not a bit to
do any thing a bout the Ship but he sent me on
near to a merchant in New York and he has gone on
near to a merchant to Philadelphia to see about her

and he said to me he wanted me to stay
until next second day for an answer for to
go in her and now I am at Friend Deans
a waiting for an answer but I shall go on
home after next second day wheather I go or
not that is the set time that I have got
to go on to my family -
I am wishing the get this letter before
you sail it will give me great satisfaction
on in case you could get it before sailed
Wishing the a safe and a Prosperous
voyage and a good time
Thomas Wainer

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Capt

Paul Cuffe

Merchant



West Port Dest New Bedford
Singular Ma. 5th

Cap Buff

Providence ^{August} 13. 1815

I am a black man and want to
know what condition the Black are to sail upon
and when the vessel is to sail I wish if you please
to write back as quick as possible and let me know
so that i may get ready

I am your
most humble
Servant

Stephen Womfory

My dear Sir

I am a great man and want to
have what is called the Book one to
and when the vessel is to sail I must if you please
to write back as quick as possible and let me know
that I may get ready

Yours truly

most humble

Servant

John Jay

Providence 13. 1812

Dear Friend

Your kind letter I sometime since received and should have answered sooner but wished to be able to mention that we had made some progress in the formation of the Society which you recommended us to establish. I have now the satisfaction of informing you that we have commenced the work. The institution is formed, a constitution has been adopted, but the number of members is at present small. There is however a prospect of a speedy and sufficient increase, so that you may indulge the pleasing idea that your labours here have not proved altogether unproductive. I entertain a strong belief that that the hand of God will prosper the work in which you are engaged. I trust it will tend to promote his honour and the spiritual and temporal welfare of our unhappy race. For myself I must say that I feel it my solemn duty to use my best exertions in the cause. And my fervent prayer to God is

that he may make me instrumental to the good of
my brethren.

Through divine mercy all our family
are in health. I hope yours are also well.

Farewell

New York May 13th 1815

Yours with esteem

Cap Paul Cuffee -

John Williams Jr.

Esteemed Friend

New York Oct 24th 1815

Capt. Paul Buffee

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter to Richard Dean and myself, and to inform you that we have complied with your instructions. We have put on board the Sloop Butler Capt. Gifford of New Bedford two kegs of tobacco marked D&W weighing as per bill two hundred and ninety eight pounds nett which we wish ^{you} to take with you to Sierra Leone and dispose of to the best advantage. We wish you to employ the proceeds thereof in trade as though it were your own property. I should have sent on a much larger quantity but it was not convenient at present. Dean has purchased

the saws you wrote for and sent them on by the
same vessel.

Cromber is also on board
with his wife. His recommendation from the
Society will be forwarded to you by mail
the last of this week. Remember me to
your family

Accept the assurances
of my Esteem

Capt Paul Caffer

Peter Williams Jr

To the Friendly Society at Sierra Leone.

Brethren

Having established a Society in this city, under the title of the New York African Institution, the objects of which are to benefit our African brethren in general, and especially those, who may reside in or emigrate to Sierra Leone, we have embraced this opportunity by Cap^t Paul Cuffee, of addressing to you this letter, for the purpose of opening a correspondence—

Our Society is now in its infancy, and its numbers are small, in consequence of which we have not done as yet any act worth mentioning. We see however an extensive prospect of usefulness open before us, and intend to embrace every opportunity, of doing good in the way in which we have.

proposed. We should be happy to receive a
communication from you whenever an occasion
favorable is afforded. We should be also glad
to open a trade with you in such articles as
may tend to our mutual advantage.

With our best wishes for your prosperity,
and that of the African cause in
general, we subscribe ourselves your
friends.

Signed in behalf of the
Institution
Abraham Smith President

New York Nov 20th 1815—

Peter Williams Jr Secretary

To the Friendly Society
favored by ^{at} Sierra Leone
Capt Paul buffer

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Mr Paul Cuffe
Sir

Boston November 4th 1815

your communication under cover of Samuel
Redman Esqrs letter to us of Oct 20th 1815 is received. If your
African friends call on us, we shall be very happy to deliver them
provisions agreeable to your orders, if credit is wanted it will be
readily given and your orders punctually attended to on as good
terms as though you were personally present to make the purchases
Yours with sentiments of esteem,

E & A Winchester

B. Mr W. Quinn informs us that
the vessel is now here, he
says that no money is ~~now~~ yet
collected and he wishes to know
whether your son is to come here
and see about provision.

John. Brown

1840

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the above named matter. I have been unable to find the original of the same, but I have no objection to its being used for the purpose intended. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
John. Brown

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Your obedient servant,
John. Brown

Boston 22. November 1845

Mr Paul Cuffe
Sir

yours of the 16 Inst is received; agreeable to your request we have put on board the West-port vessel in which your African friends take passage 20 bbls No 1 Beef. One ditto No 2 Beef and six bbls No 1 Pork; the quality we most sincerely believe among the richest on, as every good, the prices the same as we are selling to our best Boston customers. If you are desirous of having thirty days credit on them you will be so good as to give us a note payable from the date of the bill; as we are now losing in our stock for the year, and have use for more funds than our presses are enabled to supply to live money from the Banks (which Discount very sparingly) to meet our engagements to us should be glad to receive the amount of the bill by allowing Two Per cent Discount from the foot of the Bill.

Yours respectfully

E. J. Winchester

Mr Paul Cuffe to E. J. Winchester		Dr
1845		
Nov ^r 14	To 1 Bbl No 1 Beef	\$15.00
"	" 20 Q. No 1 Beef @ \$12.00	240.00
"	" 6 Q. No 1 Pork @ 25.00	150.00
"	" Inspection of 27 Bbls @ 9 per Bbl	3.30
"	" Truckage of 27 Bbls @ 6 cts	1.62
		\$410.00

B. We sell our out of Town packing which is of inferior quality No 1 & No 2 and our own brand and packing put up under our own inspection at our Provision Store No 157 & 7 Cooks over Wharf

For \$14 Mps and \$12 N^o 1 the barrel of Mps charged to you
in this account @ \$15 is of a very superior quality

Port au Prince Sept 18/12

Dear friend

not receiving the assistance from you
which I had reason to expect from your kind

Letters - I have been unfortunately necessitated
to go to a West India Island where there are
not examples made of people of colour.

I therefore take this method & Liberty to write
you to inform you of my health &c -
I arrived here the 2^d of Aug^t & have met with
all encouragement that a person could expect
without acquaintance or much cash -
I am much encourg^d by the Gentlemen & I
soon employ by to be concerned in the
commercial business with him which I shall
on Monday accept of - we have much business
& will inform you in this the prices of goods of
this country & vice

American Produce	Coffee -	\$ 11 to 12 p ^r Hundred
now scarce -	Logwood -	5 - p ^r 1000
Herring p ^r bbl -	Fruit very plenty	p ^r Hundred
D ^r box smelt -	Turtle Shell -	\$ 2 to 3 - 50
Prime pork p ^r bbl -	Nutmeg & Cocoa scarce -	
Do Beef - do -		
Soap 25 lbs p ^r box -		
Lard -		30 30 Cents p ^r lb - to 50
Shingles p ^r 1000 -		10 \$
Boards Merchantable		35 - to 40 p ^r 1000
Cod fish -		10 p ^r Hundred
Mackerel -		10 p ^r bbl

