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PAUL CUFFE PAPERS

SERIES A

SUB-SERIES 1

FOLDER 11

October the 21 1870 New York
Dear Brother I received your ^{letter} the
19 the reason of my calling for this
money I thought best to leave it
near home for life is so uncertain
but don't fret your self out
of the way as long as I have my
health I can make my self comfort^{able}
with the help of God that is all we
I don't think the grave it makes
our hearts rejoice to hear the glad
tidings from Africa and also to hear
that it is a general time of health
with you all there is no ^{ing} ~~general~~
sickness with us but away
dying time mostly sudan clothes
best love of all

I have opened this letter
and think it is for
the altho it was
Directed to me

J. C. Cuffe

J. C. Cuffe
West Port

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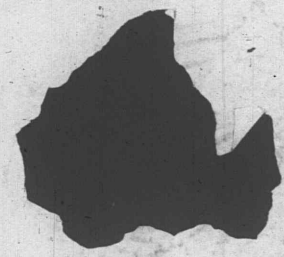
New York 11 Mo 6th 1816

Respected Friend

I understand thee has a quantity
of Camwood here which I think would
be much to thy interest to have ground
and As I am in the business of grinding
Should be pleased to do it for thee this
winter on these terms I will receive
it at the store and grind it for
\$60 per Ton and receive camwood for
pay at \$140 ^{per Ton in the stack} which is the present
price ~~the~~ and return it
early in the spring ^{where I receive it} put in good new
Barrels and pay all the charges myself
The price above stated is what the merchants
here pay in cash Ground camwood is now
selling at 280 dollars per Ton deduct 60
for grinding it will then afford thee
a very handsome profit and a quick
Sale

Please direct to me at Poughkeepsie soon as convenient
if thee should accept the proposal it will have immediate
attention
From thy Friend Beriah Swift

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Capt. Paul Cuffe
New Bedford
Bristol Ct
Massachusetts



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Boston Sept 19 1816

Esteemed friend I again address you with
My forth of Information since I have bin in
Boston and have not seen a line from you
I Cleared the traveller for Eastport yesterday
Finding that 10 Days ago platter wair to
Be had thaire the Law not then in force I called
On Whit & Doe for Infor motion Delors by the
Bisness And they told me they wair a going to
Vessel Down for platter & shal saile the
First favorable opportunity

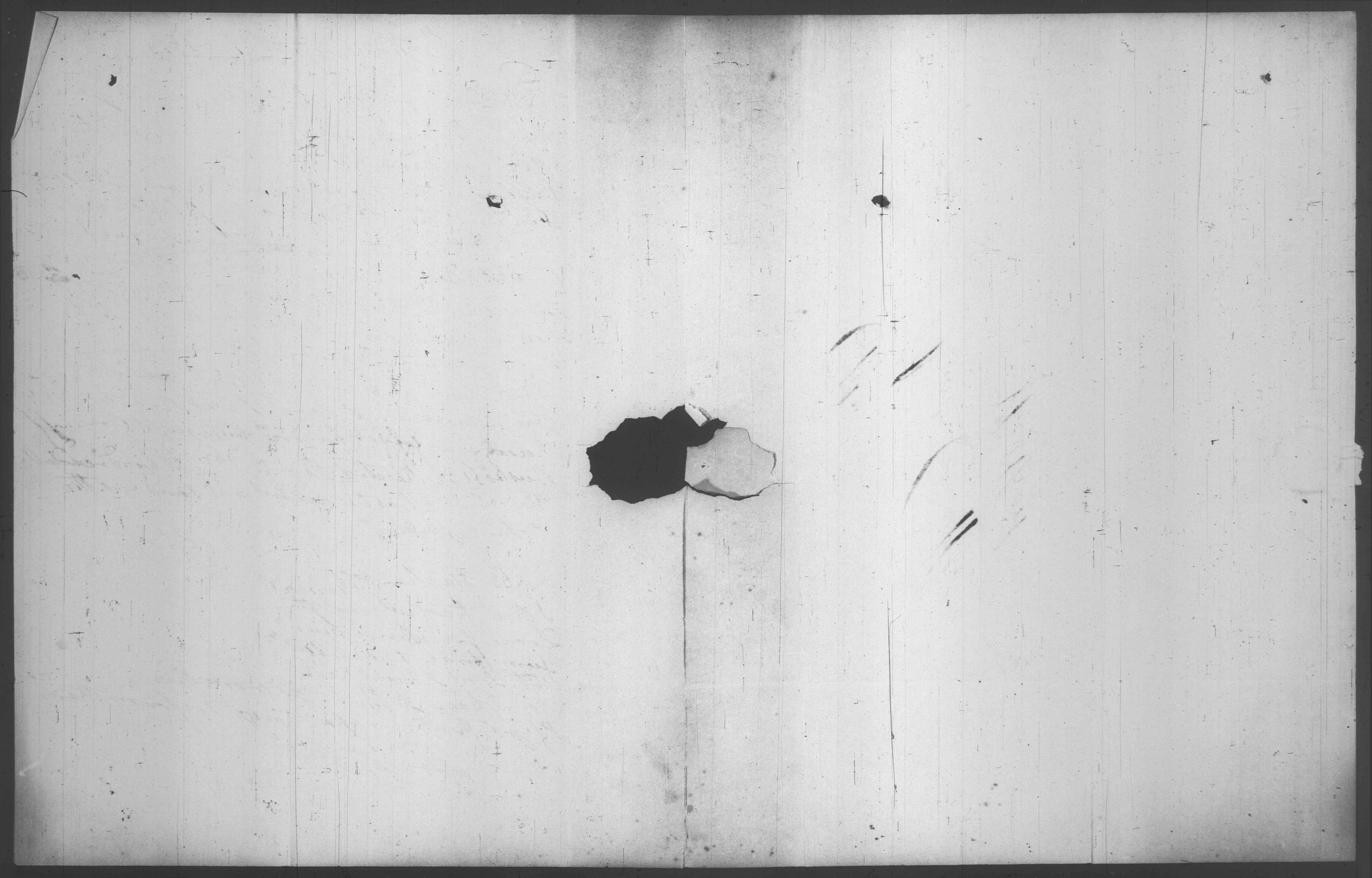
Shall load at 60 Cents for a Bant 200 Bushel
The Remander at 20 Cents I have Bradley & Co
Recat for fifteen hundred sixty eight & one half
Bushels & Recated them for Eight hundred Dalls
They will Close the account and send you the
Sailer & Co. A^{re} Thelpeff

NB Shapter Thomas
I doat the way respect
Draw for their money
sum thine tenre that
Not less I have paid
No where I shal go from this
If you think proper may inform them

H. O. J.

Paul
Westport
Sept 19

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Providence July 15 1816

Sir

I hope that you will not be offended if I take the liberty of enclosing a letter to you Joseph Tucker in ^{one} ~~one~~ ^{to me}. I take this liberty because you ~~had~~ are such a noted & man. I have written to Mr. Tucker 2 before and have received no answer and this the reason why I write to you hoping that if you will do me the favour that you will interest yourself in it the affair as the business is of some importance. pardon this digression and boldness in one. and if I could ~~have~~ do the any thing to oblige you hereafter I would be very happy in doing it.

I am respectfully yours

Gloria Thirston.

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Capt - 18th To
Peterboro Oct 10 -
Paul Cuffe

Westport

Massachusetts

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Newstockbridge 10 mo. 15 Day 1816

Dear uncle I take this opportunity to inform you that we are all enjoying good health at this present time and hoping that those few lines will find you and your family well.

and I wish you would assist in selling ~~of~~ and buying of my property for I want to buy me a farm in Ohio next summer the land there is from 2 to 4 Dollars per Acre the land is good here but they ask from \$10 to 15 per Acre and it is very fertile here so that great many of the people is selling out and going on to the Ohio.

the frost here has cut off all our corn and there is bin frost here every month this year but not to how any effect untill about 4 weeks ago then it killed all the corn potatoes Beans &c graded of the corn was just in the milk. and on to the Ohio there is great crops of corn it is about 300 miles from here but where I want to go is 400 miles I want to get sum money this winter to be ready after wheat harvest to start for Ohio. If I don't earn up I shall burn down this winter and if he is coming I wish you would send me 200 Dollars for I can get land of them.

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this is the way that the people generall Does is
to pay & down and take a Bond for a Deed and
then they will have a place to go to when they
move their families

I wish you would write to me what my Land
will fetch and what you think is best for me
for I like farming and I think I could do
well if I had a farm of my own
and if you will be so kind as to write to me whether
Joseph Luke is a burning or knot I would be
glad of your well wishing Cousin

Michael Wainer

If the pleases to write to me in Winstockbridge
Madison County Peterborough post
office.

Dear Friend

Your letters from Hurlgate and from Wexport I duly received. The first containing the name of Governor MacCarthy's secretary did not come to hand untill after his letter and Dr. Wise's certificate were in press. I thought then, as it was probable no one in this place knew his name, it would be better not to alter it. With your letters to William Allen I forwarded one in behalf of our institution. I have written to the Philadelphia institution, and forwarded a copy from the newspaper, of the certificate and letter mentioned above. I have also begged them to have them republished in Philadelphia and furnished them with a general outline of all the information which we have received on the subject of the late emigrants. There are a number of persons who wish to go from here to Sierra Leona when an opportunity shall be afforded. Eight or nine of them have called upon me to enquire about it. I have promised to give them the earliest notice I can.

They all appear to be foreigners however. I could wish that some respectable and well known family from this city would go out as their report, if favourable, would induce many others to follow who would be usefull to the colony of Sierra Leona. I have written to a coloured friend of mine in Charleston about a rice mill. He is an ingenious mechanic and has been engaged in making machinery with a celebrated machinist. From him, I expect the information you want on that subject. Enclosed you will find the

Letter of Perry Locks. Its contents I deemed of too private a nature to publish. My father and all the family are in good health. I hope you and yours enjoy a continuance of the same blessing. Our friends generally are well. Remember me to your family and accept the assurances of my highest esteem

New York June 26th 1815

Peter Williams Junr

Capt. Paul Cuffe.

Esteemed Friend

Cap Paul Cuffe

According to your instructions I sent out to Africa by Peter Rensselaers repell the letters which you forwarded to me for that purpose. They arrived just in time to be put on board. I wrote also a letter to Governor MacCarthy in behalf of our institution and forwarded to those persons whom you mentioned the prices current of that day. Your letter to Mr. Griffen was also forwarded at the same time.

I thank you for the information which you gave me respecting the state of Sierra Leona and cannot help entertaining a wish that I may yet see that country. I have seen a man of colour who tells me he is competent to erect a rice mill to go either by water or by Horses on the

best constructions. He says he has a long time engaged in the business of erecting and superintending the erection of such mills. He is a man of but little learning but bears the character of a man in whom confidence can be placed. He says moreover he can produce witnesses to prove his competency. As to the expense of the work, he says can say nothing until he knows the minds of those who wish to have the work performed, as to the quality of the materials, and as to the manner in which it is to work, whether by water or horses. moreover he says much depends upon the place where it is to be erected. Your sister is in good health our family are well and desire to be remembered to you. Give my kind regards to your family.

Farewell believe me with pure & sincere affection your friend

New York August 30 1870 Peter Williams Junr.

P.S. Mr Remson's vessel sailed to Goree but the owners said the letters would be forwarded to Sierra Leone.

The name of the man I spoke to concerning the mill is Charles Graham. As to a saw mill he does not know much.

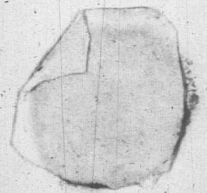
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Cap Paul Cuffe



Westport.



Esteemed Friend

Cap Paul Cuffe

Not being able to effect a meeting untill last evening I have been obliged to delay an answer to your last. Our institution have resolved to delay sending out any goods to Africa untill next voyage and intend to begin their preparations for it immediately. However when they do send I expect it will not be to such an amount as would require any larger vessel than such as you might determine to take for your own convenience. Prime tobacco sells at eighteen cents per pound in the leaf. Soap eleven cents. Dye

Candles, sixteen cents, and moulds candles
twenty five. Should I be able to obtain
a return of what I & Dean sent out
last voyage I should be glad to send on
a little venture on my own account.

You will please to inform me in your
next about it. Let me know when you
purpose sending out to Sierra Leona & also
if you intend going yourself. I don't know
that ever I shall be able to go there myself
but I should be glad to be informed of the
conditions on which you would wish me to
embark for it & what duties would be required
of me.

Our family present you with their
kind regards. Remember me to all your
family. We are all in good health.

Yours with respect & affection

New York October 10th 1816 - Peter Williams Junr

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Captain Paul Cuffe



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