

To Josiah Thompson

Mount Vernon July 2d 1766

Sir,

With this Letter comes a Negro (Tom) which I beg the favour of you to sell, in any of the Islands you may go to, for whatever he will fetch, & bring me in return for him whatever he will fetch, & bring me in return for him

One Hhd of best Molasses

One Ditto of best Rum

One Barrl of Lymes—if good & Cheap

One Pot of Tamarinds—contg about 10 lbs.

Two small Do of mixed Sweetmeats—abt 5 lb. each

And the residue, much or little, in good old Spirits

That this Fellow is both a Rogue & Runaway (tho. by no means remarkable for the former, and never practiced the latter till of late) I shall not pretend to deny--But that he is exceeding healthy, strong, and good at the Hoe, the whole neighbourhood can testify & particularly Mr Johnson and his Son, who have both had him under them as foreman of tie gang; which gives me reason to hope he may, with your good management, sell well, if kept clean & trim'd up a little when offered to Sale.

I shall very chearfully allow you the customary Commissions on this affair, and must beg the favour of you (least he should attempt his escape) to keep him handcuffd till you get to Sea—or in the Bay—after which I doubt not but you may make him very useful to you

I wish you pleasant prosperous Passage, and a safe & speedy return, being
Sir, Yr Very Hble Servt