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Dear brother and Sister I right you to let you know I received your letters one dated in december and the other the 22 of January 1835 which gave me great satisfaction to hear from you all and to hear you have recovered your health my family at this time is in good health all but my self this week is the first time I have bin able to sit up too hours at a time one time since the 15 of January I wos taken down with the Pluricy and have not intirely recovered yet — I shud av answerd your letter before now had I av bin able to av don so, My Son James is at Scool near Sainciannata where I expect to keep him for seven years I intend to gave him a good Education if I never gave him nothing else, I think he he will make a smart man if he lives and as he is the only male child of my farther family I must try and make him smart as I have never seen one of the male ones yet that wos smart — as to my daughters I dont now what I shall do with them for as soon as they are grone sum of the boys will take them from me for if thay are as purty when they ar grone as they are now I now I cant keep them long for they are as much like their ant peggy when she wos of their size

as nimy thing I ever saw and they are as much a like as
too black ide peas and their eyes is as black as a bead and ther
Skin good — I Shud like to See you all and I now think
if nothing hapens I Shall pay you a visit Sumer than you
lexpect — I am at this time unsettled and with
out a home I Sold out my plantation and negroes
that I am now on last January was a year ago
I Sold for thirty Six thousand dollars twelve thousand
down and the ballance in 123 years and as ther is too
payments due yet I mus remain on the place untill
I get a nother I think I shall move this winter
opisit of the mouth of white River on the river
Still if you will look at the map you will see
the Spot I am a goine to Settle on this ellipsi fap pa
River I think is the Greatis break you ever saw and if
you ware to get one drink of wonter out of it you
never cud stay a way from it I have my hands to
by for my plantation and negroes Sell So high
I keep puting it off to See if they wont come
down sum in prise I wish you would Right me
the prises of negroes in your Cuntury as I Shall take
nex Summer to make my purches and I can by in you
Cuntury it wold be a fine visit to See all my frends

If I get no back set in recovering my health I shall
start up the River sumtime in may to St. Louis I won
to purchase a place near town for our Summers Residence
so as to spend the Summers there fall winter & Spring on
the plantation —— I hope this will find you all
well and all our friends I shall sleigh offer and you
must do the same in consequence of my bad health
I have not bin to vicksburgh or I would ov sent
you on a paper but will do so as soon as I go down
I have received one paper from newborn the last
mail I am weak and feble and must conclude
by subscribing my self your loving
brother untill death

Miles Flatwood

M. C. Bagey