

Wilmington, S. Carolina, 12 June, 1833.

Dear John,

Yours of the 5th came to this place on Saturday last, but I was gone to Rocky river & did not get it till Monday evening. Isaac came home on Thursday the 6th, much earlier than we expected, & as he came with Mrs. Nisbet, I presume she has told you all about their journey home - that he never saw Wm Pleasants at P. Edward C. H. nor called at his uncle John's - nor did he receive a letter from home while gone. Had you written explicitly, (or had he believed) that William would really go to Philadelphia, he would have staid several days longer to wait for his coming; but, he says, your letter was very short, doubtful & inexplicit. I have often urged perspicuity on you all, but you will not mind me. Had I known in time that Wm <sup>Isaac</sup> was going on, I would have urged & ordered him to wait a week or fortnight there for him. I did write to him, but it was before I knew Wm was ill. If ~~he~~ <sup>Isaac</sup> lived to get there, I think it was probably on the day after Isaac left for home. The depressing effect it must have produced on him when he found Isaac had come away, I greatly dread indeed.

I rec<sup>d</sup>. a very discouraging letter about him from  
Dr. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Henry Dickson of Charleston after he  
sailed. I wish W<sup>m</sup> had not seen him. I cannot  
but hope that W<sup>m</sup> was not as ill as he represents.  
I have had my heart much affected with a  
seeming weight & enlargement many a time my-  
self; but distance from friends then, was my great-  
est source of misery & dread. Let all his friends  
daily pray for him (if yet alive) that God would  
direct & protect him - sanctify his affliction to  
him, & bless the means he uses for his recovery of  
health - and that he may be restored to his fam-  
ily & us all in due time, in health & strength &  
in the fulness of the blessing of the Gospel of peace!

I have rec<sup>d</sup>. a letter from Mr. Atkinson of the 1<sup>st</sup>  
inst., in which he is disturbed himself and dis-  
turbs me. He is resolved on selling Dick New-  
ton & Puley. They are both such thieves, he cannot  
endure to keep them or be troubled with them.  
Dick has broken into the houses in the plan-  
tation several times, & carried off corn &c. to  
the stores & sold it, & also taken two or three of  
his negroes with him & taught them. They were  
detected, & Dick ran away & lay out a week, &  
also one of his ran away. He is determined to see

both of these, because he will not keep any negro that runs away from him: he sold one before he was ever married, merely because he ran away from him. He says Dick shall never be sold up the country, for that would humor him & set a bad Example to the others.

He also says, Juley is worse at ~~Paris~~ than Dick & he does not wish to sell her without my consultation & consent. It seems Sarah is quite willing to let them both go. I am truly at a loss to know what to advise in the case. I now believe that Dick is a thief, & I presume or strongly suspect, that he & Juley lived in Athens, after she was left there, in a great measure by ~~his~~ ~~pirating~~ & purloining.

All are pretty well here. My wheat is mostly cut & will make half a crop. Many will not reach that. I must write a few lines to W. before I send this to Calhoun's mills today.

Give my love to Louisa, Martha & Moses, & tell him to be a very good boy, & I will love him powerfully. Give my love to Mr. Deering, & tell him I should be very glad either to see his person or a letter from him, if he could spare time.

Your affectionate father,

M. Waddel.

P.S. Mr. A. says, he has indulged Dick & Judy greatly in talking  
them lightly, because they had not been used to the hoe. I have not  
seen any one from Berry Hill since the 2<sup>d</sup> when Mrs. Gray came to  
meeting. I learn that her mother fixed to come but the old man forbid  
it. Mr. Gray has not been here in a fortnight. I dont understand  
it. I <sup>don't</sup> understand there is a petition up again to remove the stage  
route from this route - & that it says "Wilmington is noth-  
ing but some old houses." Whittington, I understand, wrote it. It  
seems, I am not included in the late Berry Hill treaty.  
Be it so.

80801  
Cathouns Mills  
19th June 1833

Dear

Mr. John A. Waddel,

Athens,

Georgia.

Mr. Mores to Waddel