

Near St Louis July 28<sup>th</sup> 1851

Dear John

I received your letter of the 22<sup>d</sup> yesterday, and I also received the telegraph at Louisville. I did not reply to it, because I thought it unnecessary; having told you that you could have Sol at the price you mentioned (\$400.00) he became yours from the time you determined to take him - I hope he may prove a good servant to you & from his usual habits to your wife, I think he will. I wrote to Susan a day or two since & told her that you would pay the amt. upon my note due the 1<sup>st</sup> August. I send you on the other side a bill of sale for him.

I regret to hear that Pa has got no better, I hoped that his ride in horse & back would have been very beneficial to him. We all ought to try and make him as happy as we can, and nothing I am sure will tend more to do so, than being always cheerful and kind.