



Long plantation, March 1855

Most respected friend

I take this opportunity this holy Sabbath day to try to express my gratitude and love to you. With many tears I send you this note through prayer and I desire to render you a thousand thanks that you have brought us from the yoke of bondage. And I love you freely. I am now 53 years old. Emancipation day was also my birth-day. I have come 278 miles from Savannah and from there to Hilton Head. I have lain awake four nights and my mind so long upon you that I could not rest till I sent you a letter. I lived in Bath Co. Ga. I am obliged to send you this to satisfy my mind.

I wish you all the blessings that can
be bestowed by the Almighty.

I would be glad to go back to see
my family. I do ^{love} my wife and
children. I have been a Baptist
member for 25 years and I have
been praying for this for 17 years.

At that time I had a vision and
you was made known to me in a
dream. I saw a comet come from
the North to the South and I said
good Lord what is that? I heard
a voice "There shall be wars &
rumors of wars." I saw many signs
and wonders. My soul is filled
with joy at the pleasure of letting
you know. I have had a heap
of high mountains and deep
waters to cross. My master threat-
ened my life if I should talk
about this. But I put all
my trust in the Lord and I be-

lieve he has brought me comfort
or through. I give my mind to
pray for you the balance of my
days. It would satisfy me if
you would condescend to send
me an answer to this on account
of my fellow servants. If you
should answer please direct
to Mrs Luther Carter, Tompkin
Hallon, Head, S.C.

Yours with the greatest esteem
George Washington.

P.S. I have written the above pre-
cisely as dictated by a poor col-
ored man who came to me in a
flood of tears and begged me
to write to the President for him.
It is so entirely expressive of the
feelings of all Freedmen, that
I send it. We have a large African
school in our house attended by

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nearly 500 people. A large
number of them are adults
and if it would not be too
great an intrusion on your
time I would be happy to re-
ceive a note from you for
the "Freemen" of this island.

Yours with respect
President Lincoln & Mrs L. Fisher