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Middleb^o February 24th 1766

Dear Brother after Love to you and your Family and all Friends
I would Inform you; that I am come to a fixt Determination
To sell my Negro man Cuff who is a Fine, Lively young Fellow
about 19 or 20 years of age, He can do all sorts of Farming
Workes well and can make a Good Shoe or Pump without
any assistance He has no Faults I am really Exacted He would
like to Whittle or Fish if you can think of any Person likely
to Buye Pray Let them know if you saw Mr Sever I should be Glad
if you would ask him; Dont say any thing to White nor to any
Body but them likely to Purchase, Not that I mean that to pay
White what I owe him after y^e proper discounts are made; which
I doo^e speake to Stalmy^r who you are my Bondman for and you may
Promis him y^e Monny asoon as I can possibly get it by y^e Sale of y^e Neg^r
I shall let it be known here and Elsewhere and doubt Not but shall
get y^e Monny for him soon I would not have you let either I am
know My Intention, for fear He sho^d Neglect preparing himself to Buy
my Land which I will sell, to somebody immediately and will pay off
My Demands withwith, I sh^d be oblig^d to you for your assistance till
Brother Thomas Not to Neglect the affair betwix him and me but
speake to James Dred and Mr Sever I Believe if they will I will
5 or 600 Pound in Cash which is what I must have of my obligation
taken off I remain your Loving Brother till Death

To Mr Ephraim Spooner

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P.S. If you know of a Lively Boy
that would go to Prattice Pray
to Recommend me to him

Middleboro, February 23, 1766

Dear Brother,

After love to you and your family and all friends, I would inform you that I am come to a fix determination to sell my Negro man Cuff who is a fine, likely young fellow about 19 or 20 years of age. He can do all sorts of farming, works well and can make a good shoe or pump without any assistance. He has no faults, human frailty excepted. He would like to whale or fish. If you can think of any person likely to buy, pray let them know. If you saw Mr. Sever I should be glad if you would ask him. Don't say anything to White nor to anybody but them likely to purchase. Not that I mean not to pay White what I owe him after the proper differences are made, which I doe; speak to Holmes to who you are my bondsman for and you may promise him the money as soon as I can possibly get it by sale of the Negro. I shall let it be known here and elsewhere and doubt not but I shall get the money for him soon. I would not have you let Brother Thomas know my intention for fear he should neglect preparing himself to buy my land which I will sell to somebody immediately and will pay off my demand forthwith. I should be obliged to you for your assistance. Tell Brother Thomas not to neglect the affairs between him and me but speak to James Drew and Mr. Sever. I believe the Negro will fetch 5 or 600 pounds in cash which is what I must have or my obligation taken upon. I remain your loving brother till death.
Ebenezer Spooner

To Mr. Ephraim Spooner

PS If you know of a likely boy that would go to prentice, please to recommend me to him.