

+ the family of  
"Bruegger"

February 28<sup>th</sup> 1821.

My Dear Mr. Nicholas

After experiencing great anxiety about you and Maruse we were made happy last week by receiving four letters, one from your Mother of the 6<sup>th</sup> of January, and three from you, dated the 24<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of December, and the 12<sup>th</sup> of January. Yours were somewhat in a mutilated state, however we made out to decipher them, the two letters you directed to Mr. King's Office arrived safe, your Father answered one of them the 20<sup>th</sup> of January and inclosed a bill of lading for the box which contained your sword, dirk, and a few trifles which went in the brig, Theobaldson, of New York, directed as you desired to Mr. John Dewitt & Co. — I hope you will be pleased with them, we opened the box and thought them neat and elegant, though I do not profess to be a connoisseur as it is the first sword I ever had in my hand. — A great number of Americans are establishing themselves in every part of this Country, they appear

me, that even cotton is a mine in comparison  
to any crop that can be cultivated out of  
Louisiana, I have no doubt but with the grass  
and your father's experience you would secure  
an independance, he is determined to establish  
himself as soon as possible on a large sugar  
Estate, but he must have many negroes and  
some money, and at present he cannot command  
either. Mr. Hilyman who has purchased a  
plantation on the Bayou, told me that Mr.  
Fitzchen of Maryland, had proposed to a gentleman  
who had been a schoolmate of his, to  
take one hundred of his negroes, establish a  
plantation in this country and send him  
half the revenue, yet he refused the offer  
though he was without fortune, I thought  
of you at the moment, and wished that  
some of these great slave holders would  
put it in your power to enrich yourself in  
a like manner. This morning I received  
a letter from Mr. Chatt, on the 14<sup>th</sup> of  
this month he remitted four hundred  
dollars to Philadelphia, to the house of  
~~John~~ Waln and Morris, he wrote to Knowse

By the same mail, one hundred and fifty of  
that money is intended for your Grandmother.  
I cannot deny myself the satisfaction of quoting  
a few lines from his letter which made my  
heart palpitate, "I have received a few lines  
from your son from West Point in reply  
to my letter making him the small  
remittance, from the manner and style  
of his writing I should presume his  
accomplished youth from whom much  
is to be expected, and that your fondest  
hopes may be realized is the prayer of  
the greatest good that I can wish for you  
my dear child is, that you may hereafter  
be blessed as you now bless your mother  
Your Grandmother's last letter was dated  
the 12<sup>th</sup> of December I have never been so  
long without hearing but I console myself  
with the hope that her letters have  
miscarried, my mother is confined to  
her chamber with a bad cold, and other  
many ought to be, for she has a dry cough  
she has recovered the use of her legs perfectly  
this winter has been intolerably changeable. Yrs etc.

I write to your Grandmother the 28<sup>th</sup> of this month, and  
to please the 11<sup>th</sup> of last enclosing a letter of introduction to  
<sup>Suponcaux</sup>  
~~Mr. Suponcaux~~ and Mrs. Macke

February 28<sup>th</sup> 1821  
My mother.

Charles P. Trist  
West Point  
Miss York

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