Willington, S. Carolina, 12 June, 1835.

Dear John,

Yours of the 5th came to this place on Saturday last, but I was gone to Rocky river, so I did not get it till Monday evening. Isaac came home on Thursday the 6th, much earlier than we expected. For he came with Mrs. Rostel, I presume she has told you all about their journey home—that he never saw Mr. Pleasants at P. Edward's, nor called at his uncle John's nor did he receive a letter from home while gone. And you written explicitly, (or had he believed) that William would really go to Philadelphia, he would have stayed several days longer to wait for his coming, but, he says, your letter was very short, doubtful or inexplicit. I have often urged perspicuity on you all, but you will not mind me. Had I known in time that Mr. 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 Mr. was ill. If they 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 received a very discouraging letter about him from Dr. Sam. Henry Dickson of Charleston after he sailed. I wish Mr. Wm. had not seen him. I cannot but hope that Mr. Wm. was not as ill as he represents. I have had my heart much affected with a seeming weight & enlargement many a time myself; but distance from friends then was my greatest 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 family, all in due time, in health & strength & in the fulness of the blessing of the Gospel of peace!

I have read a letter from Mr. Atkinson of the 1st inst., in which he is disturbed himself and disturbs me. He is resolved on selling Dick Newton & Salley. They are both such thieves, he cannot endure to keep them or be troubled with them. Dick has broken into the houses in the plantation 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
Both of these, because he will not keep anyone 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 humiliate him and set a bad example to the others.

He also says, Isley is worse at present than Dick. She does not wish to sell her without my consultation and 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 the Isley lived in Athens after she was left there, in a great measure by pursuing her own inclinations.

All are pretty well here. My wheat is mostly cut, it will make half a crop. Many will not reach that. I must write a few lines to Mr. Moore 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. Dearing, & 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 a little greatly in talking
these lightly, because they had not been used to the ha. I have not
seen any one from Berry hill since the 2. when Mrs. Gray came to
court. I hear that her mother fixed to come but the old man forbids
it. Mr. Gray has not been here in a fortnight. I don't understand
it. I understand there is a petition up again to remove the Stage
route from this route — but that it says — "Willingtovor is nothing
but some old houses." Whitting, I understand, wrote it. It
seems, I am not included in the late Berry hill treaty.

Catherine, Mills 83
30th June, 1835

Dear Mr. M. Waddell

Athens, Georgia

[Signature]

[Note: The signature appears to be illegible.]

Mrs. W. M. in Paris.