

Walter Lowrie to Hugh Auld

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Mr. Hugh Auld

Dear Sir

Mr. Henry Richardson of New Castle upon Tyne England has sent me, by the last Steamer, one hundred and fifty pounds sterling to purchase the freedom of Frederick Bailey alias Douglass. At the present rate of Exchange this amounts in dollars to seven hundred and eleven $66/100$ dollars.

As Douglass, it is said was owned at one time by your brother Thomas Auld, Mr. Richardson desires that the evidence of the legal transfer of Douglass to you from Thomas Auld accompany the freedom papers, or that you both join in the Deeds of manumission

He requests further, that the freedom papers be examined by a lawyer, and be accompanied by a note from him that they are correct and legal you will please therefore to submit them to – Merideth Esqr. in Baltimore, (I forget his first name, altho' I was formerly slightly acquainted with him) whose opinion that the papers are correct & legal will be perfectly satisfactory.

In making out the papers use the name of Henry Richardson, as I do not wish my name connected with this transaction. My agency in it, as I have already stated to you, has been an unpleasant one from the first.

As soon as these papers are received I shall forward to you the above sum, or pay it [*illegible*] to your order.

I am yours with respect

Walter Lowrie