

Northwoods June 2 1863

My Dear Cousin

I am sorry to give bad news at all times but particular in such times as these. Mr Bateman came over this morning and informed me, that 5 of his Negroes had left here. Jobe, Alfred, Betsey Louisa & _____. I have written to Mr Hugh McNair at Tarboro, and requested him to put up several notices, and to cause a look out for them, and should they be apprehended to have them sent back to Mr Bateman. I also wrote an advertisement and sent it to the Postmaster at Rocky Mount, and requested him to stick it up, in which I offered \$100. reward for the 5 Negroes, and all of which I hope will meet your approbations. I thinking this is a better cause than newspaper advertisement, Mr B also informs, me he lost woman the same that was sick when you left, Mr B. has his crop in fine order is now working it over the second time has planted __ acres in potatoe slips, from a light rain we had on Thursday, we are wanting rain very much, Mr B is now planting peas. I told him this morning to send and get some pumpkin seeds, as I find I can spare him some pumpkin seeds, as I find I can spare him some. Otelia joins me in love for yourself & cousin Mary, and all our kin, you must remember me particularly to Dr. Tom & Cousin Alethia and tell them I hope to see them at Northwood, I hope all have recovered from their sickness, I have

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been looking for a letter from you for some time would like to hear from you,

Yr Affectionate Cousin
W.A. Eaton

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to
J. C. Sr
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