

Evergreen June 1st 1852

My dear Sir

Your letter without date written on the eve of your departure for Baltimore was received on the 27th ult and in accordance with your request that I should write to you every week during your absence I now commence, though I have but little of interest to communicate.

We have had rain enough and every thing is looking as well as heart could wish. The grass grows as well as every thing else but I am using every effort to subdue it and think I shall succeed by and by. I hope by the 1st July to have the crop all in good order.

I have planted all the peas and pumpkins. We did not have seed enough of either kind.

The lime has been burnt and applied to the corn, cotton, sugar cane & peas. As all of our corn was too far advanced towards maturity fully to test its effect I thought it best to plant a few rows for that purpose.

The cotton at Cotton Gin is planted. Very little other work has been done there since you left.

I think it highly probable that I shall be able to gin the balance of your cotton before you return. But as the completion of the press will be of no avail unless we had bagging, rope, twine & needles I shall not order the irons &c until I again hear from you. I can gin the balance of the cotton without ^{preparing} making a bale.

Wm Scott has agreed to take the land at the price you

offered it to him and upon authority granted by myself
has commenced making his improvements.

Lewis is here for a week or two until we get more
out of the grasp. I shall then put him to cutting wood.
Perhaps it may be some satisfaction for you to know that
he as well as all the other negroes have behaved very well
indeed since you left.

Albert has been cutting wood since you left
and will continue until your return.

Albert started to bale out the sloop a few days
since and I stoped him and told him to let it sink. If
this is not agreeable to your wishes let me know.

If you have occasion to write to me again do not
direct your letters to B. H. Popper that is not my name.

Penny continues unwell and sometimes complains very
much - she is about as you left her. Hanna has been quite
sick but is now convalescent. Some of the other negroes have
been a little sick but are all well now.

Very Respectfully

Your Friend &c

Bony E. Popper