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Med. Agri. College. Oct. 1860.

Dear Uncle Peter-

I wrote a letter to you a few days ago, stating that I had not heard from home, yesterday I received three letters, some bearing news that I thought you would be interested in thinking that you might not have heard it, I write to let you know, that there is a good deal of excitement in the neighborhood of home, about the negroes rising in insurrection, Bro John says the negroes about Parachitta were suspected, of some intentions, searched, and found in the possession of arms, among them was old "free Dick" who was staying on your plantation but went to Parachitta on some business or other; when the suspicion arose, he was confined in jail, they were suspected of trying to get to Kansas, and "old Dick" is supposed to be the leader,

also John Pitchlym was "reported" to have been killed in one letter, but another, of a few days later contradicts it,

Peters boy is said to be quiet-sick,
mother was down to see him, when the
letter was written (on Oct-4th), with the
exception of the hooping cough generally,
the health is very good, But what
surprised me the most is that sister
Mary is married to John Wright, - I
never was so mad of any thing in
my life, I would rather heard of her
death than such a marriage, it was
contrary to Fathers & Mothers wishes for
they (knew nothing about it) consequently
they ran off and got married - I wrote
my opinion back home of it, I am sorry I
did it - know for it is "no use crying after
spill-milk". The Council had met all
the members had gone, I think Rush met,
other difficulties had subsided, and
peace was in the family, I forgot to
say that the missionaries were supposed
to be the instigators of the negro excite-
ment, I want you to come out and
see "our parson" bring Johnny and all
the family if you can, if you can't, come
your self, there is allways some one at
the depot, if I know when you are coming
I will meet you there - I am very busy
studying this session - give my love to all,
I am your Nephew P. P. Howell