

February the 5th 1826

Sir

On this day received your letter of the 22nd of December informing me that a negro man named Davey calling himself a Blacksmith was lodged in the jail of Charlotte County on the 1st of last October. There is no doubt from the description in your letter and the advertisement in the Inquirer which I never noticed untill a few days hence that he belongs to me and was bought in Petersburg of Wm. Shanks. He got away in September last near Salem Va. from a Mr. Wright who was hiring out a parcel of negroes for me. I wish you to furnish him with such clothes as he may require to keep him comfortable also a sufficiency of blankets to keep him warm and to guard against the inclemency of the weather. You will have him securely kept to effect which object if necessary Iron him. You will deliver him to Mr. Julius Allen or any other person that may be authorized by me to receive him. If you will take the trouble of enquiring of Mr. Morten Hincok or Henry E. Watkins they will tell who I am and give you any information you may require, also Maj. Joseph Wyatt. It will not do to give him his liberty there is no dependence to be put in him. If he should get away it may be very difficult for me to get him. He has a numerous acquaintances both in Petersburg and Richmond.

Respectfully yours
B.W.B. Jones