Orange C,y Va January the 21 1863

Dear Sir

I received a note this morning wrote by you to Dr Philip Conway to inquier after me and the death of my wife why did you not write to me sir did you suppose I was that grand rascal I would not give an answer watts was in this neighbourhood last summer I heard from him why did he not come and see I wrote to James m Spiller in two months after her death that she was ded and the time she died and expected he had the Negroes in hand long since My Dear Wife died January the 19. 1862 her maiden name wa Elizabeth Spears the daughter of James Spears of Buckinham C,y Va if you want to know any thing more of me let me know it I can tel you all about In selling them negroes I sold nothing but my interest in the property did not that not belong to me I sold to A Resident of Hanover County and state of Virginia and was advised to do it by as honest people as any I gave Blough the will or a coppy before he bought which I have dipositions to prove I will meet you at any court when called on If you will pay my expenses and tel you all about it it was decreed in Richmond a bout 16 years ago the negroes in Bloughs hands should be hiered out and the money put in the bank to pay for the 4 that ware missing they have hiered for 3 or 4 times that to my certain knowledge John D G Brown of Hanover County has hiered them out and has them in hand the one armed negro that was here has gone with the yankeys

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