Fulton Mys Sept 24 1831

Dear Robert,

I have seen the letter you wrote to my wife while she was in Key and it seems that you are desirous of stopping all correspondence with me, and for what? Simply because I wrote to you for a small sum that you justly owed me, reverse the matter, and you will then see that a man placed in my fix with a large family and only one to provide for them, without a home and the necessaries of life and must not ask for that which alone is this the way you view suffering? But I naturally apply it to your circumstances and if you can allow any plausible excuse for not sending it to me, or of becoming offended with me I will then make you a compliment of it. Let my situation be as it may, I could say much to you on various subjects, but deem it unnecessary from what you expressed in yours. I hardly know how to conclude without saying something more, but believing you will not desire it. I conclude by saying, answer this. I am yours,

John B. Childers
I hope you will not think hard of my writing to you for money. If I were not so pressed I would never write to you for it, but I have bought a house & lot and the last payment is due the first of October and I have not got the first dollar to words paying it and unless I get it I will loose that, which I have paid. I will appeal to your honour to say whether you will let me suffer or not write to me as soon as you receive this that I may know what to depend upon. Times is very hard here. Bacon worth 10 dollar per hundred. Flour 2 per barrel & every thing else in proportion and money dearer than ever known before nothing more, but remaining yours, give my best love to all.

John B. Childers

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