

Leitchfield Ky / W
Dec 21

Mr Almond Richards

Letter & plantation

Leitchfield Co Me
via of Houlton

James H. Richards
Dec 19 1842

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Lincolnville Sept 1st 1842

Dear Brother

it is with pleasure I take the opportunity to write you to inform you that I am well and hope these few lines may find you the same

I got home Aug 11th - but I was not very well at that time as I had taken a dose of poison unknown to me at the time but it did not effect the purpose for which it was intended it was intended to kill me but did not affect the purpose -

this was given me by my friend Cox

O. O. O. mercy so call him) my boarding master in Norfolk was

since I got well in the spring

I have been to the west indies - portorico when I returned back to Norfolk

I was discharged there and as I could

get no chance to ship I had to go to

a boarding house again so I thought I would go to me Cox as I boarded there

in the spring

this was the time I got the poison but I must ~~be~~ close as I am

going away

Do not forget to write me

as soon as you get this your affectionate brother

Shewham Richard