

Wm Brewster Aug 29<sup>th</sup> 1857

Mark H Sumner Esq;  
Sir;

Yours of 14<sup>th</sup> inst  
is received, the reply I must say that I  
have delayed writing you ~~hoping~~ that  
I might be able to give you some satis-  
factory information in regard to our rais-  
ing that \$200, but delay has not enabled  
me to do so. We have not raised a  
dollar by taxation - our efforts relating  
to get the tax voted to be raised at an an-  
nual meeting - The plantation has recently  
re-organized and chosen a new board of agents  
and it was voted to raise \$400, for schools  
but whether that sum will be applied, even,  
I have doubts.

We have but one school in our dis-  
trict is in the district where I reside, we  
pay a salary teaching \$4. per week for  
a three months school, ~~at~~ ~~there~~  
~~is~~ ~~one~~ ~~school~~ There are four districts  
in the plantation that have money sufficient  
to pay from 3 to 6 months school in each  
But they seem determined not to have schools  
I am Sir

Yours Obedient  
A. J. Richards

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