

From William Heryford Jr. to Lisbon Applegate

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Carrollton[,] Ill[.]

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L[.]M[.] Applegate

Keytesville[,] Mo.

I contracted for the services of the (Girl Rose) for one year, she remained at my house about seven and 1/2 months then going home to her master Mr[.] Hyde's, where she has since remained by and with the consent and knowledge of her [master] (Mr[.] H.) performing labor for him. The persons I left in charge of my place had plenty of provision for Rose or said negro to subsist on, and labor for her to perform, therefore no excuse for Mr[.] H.'s taking her home, and in doing so, he set a side the contract between He & I. Please take an appeal if tried[;] if not, when tried. I enclose you power of attorney to sign my name to appeal[.] Bond and employ a good lawyer to attend to the same[.] Hyde is liable to pay me damages if he improperly procured his attachment and I think he did--if he did I'll find it out you bet.

I am willing to pay for the time the negro remained at my house and no longer. If Hee[.] Mr[.] H.[.] is willing to this send me the amt[.] due and I'll remit [for church?] to you, the amt. If Hee refuses to do this act as above and if not to late in the appeal to traverse the affidavit on which the

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attachment issued then send me a copy thereof and I will forward an affidavit traversing the same in which event he would have to prove his to be true.

I wish to act fairly in this matter and not the dog. Mr[.] Hyde is the last man friend as I newed him, to take advantage of me after the many favors Ive done him during this unholy war. I can stand and be spat on but not rubbed in. It is as little as he could have done to have sent me the amt[.] of Rose's hire up to the time she remained at my house, and I would have forwarded the same in a check like a man. [You?] I will remember my friends even if I am compelled to be from home at this hour--tis a long lane that has no turn and maybe this thing will come home to those that are so very Jealous and d__d officious about my affairs[.]

I am sorry I am out of humor but I cant help it[.] I been sick ever since y[ou]r letter arrived to Mr[.] Temple. I am better to day & trust you may prosper in all honorable undertakings and that the war will come to a speedy close leaving us one and all to enjoy properly all the good things that god has given and intended for us. Family one & all well & send regards as ever[.]

Y[ou]r fr[ien]d Truly

Wm[.] Heryford Jr