From J.T. Brown to Mrs. Martha Peak

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Mrs[.] Peak D[ea]r madam

I would not be thrown without a Servant for the remainder of the year for any [MS. illegible] consideration alone, yet in view of the troubles of the country and the dangers that some suppose negro property to be in, I am willing to let you have Vie for [the?] balance of the year if you will pay me for the trouble & sacrifice I will have to make. If you want her you had better come down yourself & I will wait till late for you, as I am compelled to go to the country yet to night. Please bring my note that you may give it such credit as we may agree upon[.]

Respectfully yours
J.T. Brown