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Mr. Levi Tappan

New York

Dear Sir.

I received your last kind letter and it give me pleasure and thank you for it I hope that the Lord may bless you and body I Dear say it is good to have a friend and son I will say the man who keep the fail house he would. Let me go in to teach the poor Africa son if you want me to stay at New Haven give me some work bill to servant some of the gentlemen New Haven or New York the man who keep the house he is wicked man indeed I never saw in my life and he is a ^{live} Lie man and ^{prunk} Drink rum and swer and call God who made him I am cinque Likeness and so it is not puty sir he dont look lik cinque will ^{you} please to ^{me} give a manen if I will stay without ~~to~~ work or so I Desir to go to servant to rich men how I will to stay as ^{say} you tell me you sent letter to London to the Capt. Feety. at is well for me to stay hear if I am not Die I trust in God for his goodness to me & men

I want ~~owner~~ Friday or Saturday
I am your truly James M. Cory



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