John Habersham to John Kean, December 12, 1788

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Savannah, December 12th, 1790.

My dear Kean,

I received your letter by Elliott, and am happy to hear of your being so near to us and Mr. Kean and your son. If it should be consistent with your health and wishes to remain at Beaufort, I should be happy glad to find you had taken that determination, as I should flatter myself with the interchange of visits which we used to talk of.

I do not know of a single plantation on to be hired. There are two or three to be sold, one of them is the small upper plantation which formerly belonged to you, at eight guineas per acre, Cas. Another is an uncleared swamp belonging to Andrew Lord’s estate, which you will see advertised by Mr. Greenwood in the enclosed Gazette. I am informed John Morel offers to sell, but asks a great price for Tweedside; it is said he asks four thousand pounds for it, which it can not be worth, there being only sixty-seven acres of rice land in the Racoh. It is a well improved, productive, spot; but I should suppose half the money would tempt him to part with it. The first mentioned tract you are acquiring with Mr. Smith; it is at present in the hands of Mr. Stephen for sale, and is certainly a great bargain to any one...
one who endeavours to win a small sacrifice in deference of other property, advance the money. Should I hear of a place to be hired, I will give you immediate information of it.

Between the Spaniards and Indians, we are likely to enjoy but a small share of tranquility for some time. The Neports are amply protected by the first when they choose to leave their owners, and altho' a Truce has been agreed on with the Creeks, yet our Southern frontier is in continual distress from the increase of the Bia, who live within the limits of East Florida, and find a ready sale there for Neports, both, &c., which they carry off. It is greatly to be wished that the Treaty which was to have been held last fall had taken place, because, according to Mr. Gellingray's letter to the Commissioners the preservation of the present truce seems to be doubtful; he quotes part of a letter written by one Alexander, which was found written within the Indian limits, wherein he threatens to destroy them in spite of any treaty which may be entered into, unless such satisfaction as he specifies in his letter is made by the Indians. We have every reason in this State to wish for a Government capable of restraining or punishing such turbulent characters. —

I send your Remonstrance by this opportunity.
opportunity, with many thanks for the nearly six
years use of it. I am sorry the key was lately
mistaken, and that it was packed up when I went
to get another made.

Mrs Habersham joins in respect,
just compliments to Mr. Kear, with congratulation
on her arrival in Carolina. When you honor Savan-
nah with a visit which I hope you intend we
shall be happy to see under our roof. I am,
with sincere regard, Dear Kear,

Cp Friend Hf. S. Esq.
John Habersham.

John Kear, Esq.
To,
The hon. ble
John Hearn, esq.
Beaufort