Smithfield, 11 May 1846

Sir,

The bearer Albert comes up to help his bro. do the plastering in the hall. I have told him to examine the sand to be used, not knowing whether the work is begun or not. It is found such as in the judgment of him and others will make the best work.

You may rely on what he tells you, and if I mistake not they will have your finished work, his plastering and rough casting here has preferred to any done in this part of the State.

Hepzibah Coates

Delaney Coates

It will be done 12 or 14 days before I can get released here.