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Biographical / Historical

Written in 1769, Cuthbert Bullitt, writes a letter describing details of chattel slavery in Prince Edward County. In addition, the letter reflects Bullitt's opinions on the characteristics and value of the enslaved people on his plantation. Bullitt was a delegate to Virginia's 1776 Provincial Congress, a prosecuting Commonwealth Attorney of the County, a state court judge, and a delegate to Virginia Ratifying Convention of 1788. The letter was written to James Keith, a resident of Fredericks County, Virginia in the eighteenth century. Keith's nephew John Marhsall became the Cheif Justice of the United States in 1801.

Content Description

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Keywords

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Virginia--Politics and Government

Description of Subordinate Components

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Scope and Contents

This series contains correspondence written by Cuthbert Bullitt, a lawyer and plantation owner in Prince William County, Virginia.

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