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Dear Sir,

As I have some thoughts going shortly to East Florida in quest of some Negros taken by a party commanded by Colo. Prevost, the first excursion he made into this State, and were sold at Drum head at Fort How, on the River Alatamaha, amongst the Soldiers, as the Sale in my Opinion was illegal and unwarrantable, the recovery of them I think will be attended with no great difficulty, particularly the Seventh Article agreed upon by the British Commissioners, and the Commissioners of the United States, restricts and forbids the British Army, carrying away negroes or other property belonging to the Americans, which I think is much in favor of the distressed Citizens of this State, and also that of South Carolina. I am told several Planters from the latter are already gone to Florida, in quest of their negroes. I must therefore before I proceed request the Opinion of your honor upon the Occasion and if approved of beg your Honor will favor me with a few lines to Governor Tryon which will infinitely oblige Your Honor’s Most Obd. Servt.

Joseph Law
Respecting going to East Florida?
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Negroes in Florida
To the Honorable Lyman Hall

Honored by
Mr. Bradwell

Savannah