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Your Brother
Thomas

Homes Plantation, April 16.

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Answer soon and excuse me for not writing more this time.

Your brother,

Thomas.