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**Letters, John P. Darden to J. W. Collier and Bro. Brown, December
12 and 28, 1857**

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Decr. 28th 1857

Mr. Brown,

I can only say that if you can sell your place for enough to pay your debts, and buy Dr. Ines' Place, I think you will improve your situation. You will then have no debt on you, and will get a place, all things considered, that will be worth near as much to you, as the place you now have. As you can there make a tan yard, having bark enough, and land enough to work — you cannot carry so heavy a debt as you owe. — I do not advise you to trade, unless you can get your debts paid, or enough to pay them and get Dr. Ines' Place in the bargain, or something near this. — If you do not get cash enough to pay all your debts, perhaps I can get you time on part, at the rate I am on, if you

Dec 12th 1859

J. W. Collier Esq

Dear Sir,

Your mother owes
me 400\$ which will be due 1st of January next.
I borrowed the money for her, and informed her
at the time that I should treat it as a business trans-
-action, but as times have become hard, and mat-
-ter difficult. If you could make any
arrangement through Broughton, or otherwise, to
pay it another year, although I am in great need
of money myself, I will wait with per-
-mission

Yours sincerely

Geo. P. Parker

This is a copy of the note I sent to Wm. Collier
to which the enclosing letter is an answer
I borrowed 400\$ for his mother, & took a deed of
trust on Boy No. 100, which she was to pay promptly
but a crisis came on, and I wished to extend the
time, & wanted her to release her Boy, & give other se-
-curity so that I could wait with her, but got only
abuse from a fool & vain pretended Geo. P. Parker