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Dear Jackie, et al.

Forgive me, let me try a new pen, see if this one has better ink flow...

Revolutionary greetings! Getting right back at you with a short letter, just to expound on a few things. Moreover, I know that this SG project will require lots of back & forth communication, so bear with me.

In regards to my last letter, dated 8-9-2019, I wanted to touch on the sugar cane issue.

I don't know if we'll be able to grow sugar cane, but I'm hoping we can? In the event we cannot, I would still want to stick to the same concept, just a different crop.

If there is to be the two rows that I spoke of (and a narrow walkway,) then I think it is fitting to make, or use the center row as a barrier, partition, buffer, shield, etc.

I think sugar cane and cotton are alike in many ways, as it pertains to slaves/slavery. What I mean is, to the slaves they weren't just a crop...

Black people have always been intricate, ingenious, and resourceful, even during slavery. Therefore, I want to use my center row of crops to reflect that. Again, many slaves had to hide out in the sugar cane fields and cotton fields just to steal a few minutes of privacy.

Now, when I say "privacy," of course that has many meanings and connotations, and I plan to explore them all! They are not here to speak, but as a descendant, as a prisoner under similar conditions, it is a must that I tell our collective stories through this SG project.

So, if we can't use sugar cane, perhaps cotton, or something with height, and, that can be used in a fortifying capacity. Hell, I'm even

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open to bamboo if need be. Curious  
to your thoughts and knowledge  
as to what can be grown to  
create some height, etc.

What <sup>all</sup> did the slaves do in those  
plantation fields ??? I'll delve  
into that in my next letter.

Closing for now. In Solidarity,

J. Young

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