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This letter was written in 1789 by Thomas Clarkson, a friend of Olaudah Equiano. Clarkson asked a friend of his in Cambridge if Equiano could visit the town and sell some of his books there.

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