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1861 Caspar Harris Incoming Letters

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To
Caspar Morris.

Dear Cousin

You will please find herewith a bundle of the willow cuttings from the three varieties, which I have been raising — The Welsh is adapted to most soils & is well liked by basket makers — The American Green grows luxuriantly & is suitable for many purposes but does not command so high a price as the former — mainly in consequence of its bushy habit of growth — The Washington is perhaps all things considered preferred to either of the above, & brings a higher price in the market — but it has not thriven with me being attacked by a fungus about mid-summer, which prevents the wood from ripening properly. It may however do better at West Point & I send a few rods. — In planting I would plow & harrow the ground nearly as for corn, & I have found an advantage in rolling just before

Willows