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"for Gally's inclosed, which I return.
"He had written to me, in a similar
"manner, only that he added in
"his letter to me, that, owing to the
"terms of my Contract with John
"E. Roller, Mr R might make
"difficulty about so low a price,
"as Roller's Contingent Fee, was to be
"one fifth of the lands, or one fifth
"of the proceeds. Mr R has received a
"fifth of all the money I have obtained
"from the lands, thus far. If I was
"alone interested in the lands, I would
"not hesitate to sell them for a dollar
"an acre, but I have always, consid-
"red them, as meant for Mary H Murray
"and her children, as well as my self,
"as they came to me from the Hollingsworth
"side and when I wrote to her about
"this offer of a dollar an acre, she
replied, "that she agreed with me,
"that pequently, "a bird in the hand
"was worth two in the bush," but that
"she thought her brother Galloway
"Knew more about the matter, than
"she did, and she was willing to
"abide by his decision". –
"Beside, on my part, before I made
"any agreement with any party,
"I would want to know, who the
"parties were and what reason
"they had, if they wished their
"names concealed. I know, some-
"times, purchasers conceal their
"names, if they are wealthy, supposing
"the seller might be led by a know-
"ledge of their wealth, to ask a
"higher price than he, otherwise, would
"do, or that competitors might arise.
"But, in my view, no honest, straight-
"forward man withholds his name,
"and I would like to know the
"names & standing of the English
"parties, before entering into engage-
"ment with them. This may be very
"ultra & peculiar opinion on my
"part, but I am "a lone woman" and
"a burnt child" & I dread the fire".