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him very much. He did not want to go out on the farm or away from the house for any thing, or to see any thing. Rob asked him to go to the Canning house and fix the thermometer for him, and he went there yesterday morning for about a half hour. Then old Mr Colhoun was here for the day bringing Mattie with him, so he staid quietly here with them. To day he has gone back to Baltimore to see about various things. He brought a lump of some mineral with him, which we think and hope may prove to be Manganese. It will be best not to talk about it until we know what it is. He has taken it to Baltimore and will get some one there to look at it ~~and~~ probably at "The Johns Hopkins" And if it should be manganese and likely to be valuable he will go directly back again and find out what quantity of it there seems to be. and whether the specimen he had is a fair one ~~also~~ if not to bring another with him which he will have analyzed. I do hope most sincerely that it may be something of value for his sake especially. He did not see the place that it came from but the old man who gave it to him thought it was iron ore and said he could get plenty of it that he could bring him "a piece as big as a cook stove if he wanted it." He had a piece of iron ore along side of it - and it was much heavier and very different colour - the iron having a rusty look - and the other was black. Charley had asked Mr Roller for a sample of manganese and he lent him one and to our inexperienced eyes this sample from your land looked like the same thing