in this business. Suppose you were to effect a sale of the personal estate during the present month. If as you intimate, the Bordeaux attempt a sale of the land, & fail — it would be too late to court, as there wd. be no means left to carry on the. Would it not be as well for you to advise those gentlemen to attempt the whole concern at once — that is — to sell the real & personal estate all at one time — it would be a means of increasing the chances — by the greater number of purchasers that wd. probably be present — and if on the sale of the personal effects — there shd. be a failure in selling the land — there might be some one present that might act on some terms — & present the land from lying idle. I take the liberty of throwing out these hints for your consideration merely, not in the spirit of dictation I assure you — it is a common interest. The land might be viewed & valued as you mention by us at that time — and the sale proceed at once. There is one obstacle, however, that is as regards the laying out & dividing the lands so as to suit purchasers, which wd. be done beforehand — on this hand it may be said — that when men are actually on the ground & viewing it in all its bearings. It would be easy to trace out the relative situation of the farms into which it would be subdivided — and persons on the spot could bid understandingly — These, however, and the suggestions of the moment — it is well to turn the matter every way —

I should, indeed, be extremely glad to see you — if your sale is in October, it will be out of the question for me to attend it on any terms — but don't let this interfere with any arrangement you may think best to make — my attendance in any event, is an affair of uncertainty, owing to my infirmity. I am glad to hear that some of the City property has been well disposed of — I think that we shall be entitled to a smart interest in any event — Col. Chambers might as well proceed at once in the way you mention, and let this matter be settled — or advise Chew to abandon his pretension — it is a duty he owes to his Maryland friends — who have been hardly dealt with in this business from the beginning —

I had written thus far on Saturday night — Monday 4 o'clock P.M. Betsy was taken with a chill yesterday morning about ½ past 9 — and her fever has not intermitted yet — 5 of my field hands are on the sick list — Chamberlain's two sons have been down for some time violent bilious fever — The eldest has been despaired of for several days — the other extremely ill — I heard this moment heard that there is a gleam of hope for the eldest — the mercury is touching him — Thos. Singleton viewed the island some time since — and declined renting on acct. of the ripple grass — You can hand the same on yr. own terms — My best regards to yr. wife & family —

Yrs. Sincerely
N. Gotte Sprogl