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Dear Sir

The Mill property of Mr Tilghman is to be offered at Sheriff's Sale to-morrow. Of choice I would have nothing to do with it and if other bidders offer I do not wish you to allow me to be known as having said any thing about it. Circumstances however make me unwilling the property should be returned on hand and I therefore have to request you (should there be no other bidder) to bid it off for me at $1000 or $1200. I have very little doubt there will be other bidders, but should it happen that you should purchase it for me, you will shew this to Capt. Wickes who will take my assurance that on his return in the Spring I will pay him the amount.

The necessity of going to Cecil to-morrow alone makes me ask this favor of you. Should you purchase I will be grateful

Col. J. Tilghman
Centreville

Chester Town
Oct. 28