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 Mrs. H. T. Emory.
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My dear Sir, Yours of some days back at hand and noted, I must ask your pardon for not replying earlier but I have just been nearly run to death. Now with reference to Mr Ireland he is perfectly satisfied as to my in every way, and I don't think he would leave our farm for any other place unless forced to. The idea of letting you have him came in this way, I happened to overhear some men talking in Centreville quite a little time back about your farm and how it was worked, one of them said he had heard that you were not going to keep Edwin as

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means or after this year. I then, and I guess it was the and only time in my life tried to be unselfish and convince myself that being a man could make out with any one, and that Mr. Ireland being so thoroughly honest could successfully till your farm without any manager other than yourself, and by this save you as I hoped considerable expense. But after you were last here and said you thought you ought to leave it in Edwin's hands while longer which no doubt under conditions now existing is very wise, I haven't given the matter further thought as I wouldn't have no excuse or reason to ask Mr. Ireland to take your farm. I did tell Mr. Henry Govington the man I recommended to you that I had heard there might be a change and advised him to apply to you. I enclose his letter thanking me and showing that others