that in place of attending him properly through the course of the narrative I am in my own mind forming a defence for some supposed criminal & other cases, & among the rest upon your case between Eck & you, I think you can recover the land, notwithstanding the Statute of limitations ~~[illegible]~~ is against you, but indeed I am not of the opinion that the Statute can be pleaded by him for this reason, that he has not possessed it twenty years & I think the Statute would not act the same way on a purchase (as he purchased it from the disseisor) as on a descent & again that he confessed he was willing to give up the swampy part, and I think in this case a confession of one part to surrender will act as against the whole or rather in favour of the whole, his confession of the corner being the corner (in the other part) of intersection between you & him, will, likewise be strongly in your favour & agreeing that if he saw you placed the stone when yours died, that then it should stand as a corner stone between you & him it will be very necessary for you to demand a surrender of the land once or oftener every year as the Law says every year & a day but it is better to be within the bounds, if you do not the twenty years will be still progressing for it is necessary for you to bring your action within a year & day after demand made but if you wish to postpone the case for me make your demand as above I think if he knows that I am studying Law & bringing the action for you will cost you nothing perhaps sooner than run into the expense of a law suit which might cost him more than the price of the land to swear surrender it freely & if cast in the County Court I would take very little to appeal as it would give me practice & ruin him with expenses, you will please to keep this letter as in case an action is brought it will help to jog my memory as a witness. In verbal opinions I suppose I need scarcely tell you) it is customary to charge only five Dollars but as this is a written one you will please to remit me Ten. You will perhaps think I call on you too often but I think it will be easier for you to accept my small demands than to keep accts & let them come in heavier

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