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Sir

I was honored with yours of the 2nd inst. last evening & beg leave to inform you that when I was at Annapolis in Sept.r I examined your property very minutely including the lot in front of the house which you mention in order to calculate the repairs necessary to be made should I purchase it & found that they would amount to a very considerable sum. The water lot which I was desirous of obtaining must be one eligible to build a wharf & store on the river where vessels could come to, but yours being on the creek it is not of that description — On the 26th ult.o Col.o Maynadier call at my house and walk'd over the premises he promised to write to you on the subject which no doubt he has done in addition to which permit me to send you an exact plan of Square 185 on which my property is situated which together will enable you to form as correct an opinion nearly as if you were on the spot yourself

I have now to offer you a choice of expedients, in the hope that it may be to both our interests to come to an arrangement if not however I shall be glad of having made an acquaintance with you & would be glad to see you either here or at Annapolis as the case may be —

1st I have offer'd you 5000 ℔ for your property in Annapolis — payable in 2000 ℔ Cash & the remainder in two three and

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