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Dear Sir) Your favor of the 7th Inst. came safe to hand, in which you remind me of your visit to Annapolis last year, also the business that you was on, and referring me to the Memorial presented by your honor — I mentioned the subject to my Colleagues and some of the Members of the House, and find it Impossible, to get the state to lend its Credit to enable you to borrow money to finish your Turnpike — I refferred to the file of Petitions and Memorials, presented to the House of Delegates last year, and can find but one, that was presented by your Honor that was praying the Continuance of the Gate At Monocacy, by referring to the Acts passed last Session, I find a Law passed, granting your request in the Memorial, and can only say, I am Sorry it is not in my power to do any thing that would be a relief to the Honble the President, Managers and stock holders of the Mat.l Lancy Town and Emmittsburg Turnpike Road, having nothing of Importance to write to you, I shall conclude by saying, I am Sir Very Respectfully your Obt. Serv.t

John Fisher

Mr C. Birnie
Pres.t of Mat.l Turn
Town Rd. Frederick Roa
Lancy Town
Md.d & Penn.a &c

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Vineyard near George Town D.C. – Jan.y 20th 1824

Mr C. Birnie

Sir

Your favour of the first of Nov.r last is before me, and as it came at a time, when a number of my family had the measles, I cannot recollect whether I have replyed to it or not – I therefore to make sure write this –

I have made good wine of various kinds of grapes – The Schuylkill Muscadell, Constantia, Bland Madeira, Tokay and Munier or Miller Burgundy, the latter is a foreign grape the others I think natives, tho most of them have foreign names. As to the manner of cultivating them and making wine – I have published a small book on that subject, And Mr. Thompson Printer at Frederick Town has them for sale – The price is 75 cents – I sell my cuttings at the following prices, viz –

For 1 dozen cuttings for one dollar
-- 1 hundred cuttings for five dollars
5 hundred ditto for twenty do – And in all cases I give 120 cuttings for the hundred –

Your soil I expect is a suitable one, but it will be necessary to make it rich to produce well –

I can furnish ~~you~~ all the above mentioned kinds except the Bland Madeira – The young shoots of which were almost all killed on the 30th of September last – by frost –

Mr C. Birnie
Bear branch Lancy town
Frederick County
Maryland
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