Vineyard near George Town D.C. July 24th 1826

Mr. C. Birnie

Sir

Your favour of the 19th Ult. with the Post mark of the 26th is before me

To succeed with certainty to plant grape vine cuttings, I believe it is best to plant them in November and even December if the weather is open, the next best, February & March though last year 8 out of 10 grew that were planted out in April. This year from a drought of about ten weeks without rain, the beds of nine tenths of them dried up, after being in bed but since the rains they are again putting out, and more than the half of them are now growing.

I have upwards of twenty varieties of foreign grape vines, and the grapes are now a ripening, they appear as if they were scalded, and then shrivel & dry up, And I do not believe I shall get twenty clusters of grapes from them.

I have several varieties of native grapes, very great bearers, and if you get them from any other person than myself, I can will get them by foreign names. In planting the cuttings,

Geo. Town 24th July 1826
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"Frederick" July 30th 1826

D. Sir,

Yrs. of June ult. has been received and would have been answered by last mail only for engagements I could not put off. I heard with sorrow indeed of your loss. In the 1st place an effort ought to be made with the Levy Court to get them to take the road for the time being from Georgetown upwards, the Court meets on the 31st inst. Glenning & yourself ought to be here. In reality I have doubts whether a Genl. meeting of the stock holders is not indispensible to grant the power to give up so much of the road. but if so the Court may not think of it. & it is well not to start the question, at Glenning & your honor attend & we will try & help you through. I think on application the Legislature will pass a law authorising the Levy Court to build a Bridge, and I think the Levy Court next year could be induced to build a bridge of Wood on Stone pillars.

Frederick 30th July 1826
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