

it produce) is the support for his family - He will not leave the country this winter & I cannot stay there but hope to go to house keeping - I must therefore look to some other source for to stock my farm again spring & indeed I fear my estate will turn out a bad bargain as I reside at so great a distance & must borrow to make even what I am annually to pay good out of it - Indeed I feel much disposed to ask you to ~~relinquish~~ ^{relinquish} the interest on my note from a tolerable certainty that inasmuch as my expenses are increased if I have \$100 to pay annually I cannot pay it, Indeed I took to my farm in such manner as convinces me it will cost more than it will gain me for at least 5 yrs - It is not in grass which it should be this fall (clover) & I cannot buy seed & were it not that my convenience to Mr W's will be of advantage to me in the way of aid I could not take house this year - My Rent in Washington is only \$150 - In concurring with you as to the equity of paying you the interest on my note I did not look to matter as I now do which is that inasmuch as I was not to pay you interest on the ^{of my acct} amt by my own consent & that you advanced me the land as a means of assisting me ~~for that purpose~~ & not to make by it perhaps still I ought not on the former principle of no interest If I were

in circumstances likely to enable me to pay it for the next 5 yrs I would be silent as I would for the sake of the girls most willingly pay it on the principal either - If my prospects brighten, in a few years it would not be to me a matter of any moment but I dread becoming in debt fearing the consequences I would therefore request you to exchange my note for one without interest for 5 yrs & should I in the mean time be enabled to pay you even the principal I would do so - All this

however I leave to yourself to do as you think proper

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I think I would rent my farm for 5 yrs at a very small rent ^{if I am} & since such terms as again thus to have it more valuable & after that, nothing unexpected befalling me I would hope to be able to do what at present I am not able to perform - If I go to house keeping I think I will trouble you this winter for some candles, lard, flour & bacon my cash is 75¢ & no more I think until spring - Mr W's two little girls will be with us which I know Mrs W will not let cost us any thing - If he according to his means were as liberal as she then would be nothing to fear not having a boy I cannot keep a cow but as Mrs W promises to supply us with milk If I had her here Mr W might keep