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Dear Father

On last Monday evening I returned from Baltimore where I had been for one day I saw Rogers, he was very well – I returned by the way of old Mr Worthingtons where I spent Sunday supposing that I might not have it in my power to go again this winter which will likely be the case as Harriets health will hardly admit of another visit I was very much pleased with the old gentleman I presume I shall be with you probably next week to come to some decision relative to my land but what to do I am really at a loss If I were sure my profession would maintain my family so as not to incumber my land with any responsibility other than would be necessary for its benefit I would not hesitate to pursue the course pointed out by you but I would like at any rate to try my efforts professionally for two years more at least, if again that time prospects are not brighter I certainly will not continue at it longer but suppose in the meantime my income should not equal my expenditures & my creditors should take it I would then be in a sad plight to commence any thing else, neither could I expect ~~other~~ to aid me out of difficulties if it would be necessary to add to what would do that, as much as would pay your yr interest up to such time & without the assistance out of both, would be but postponing the evil day as to one or the other, debts for necessaries or yr interest – If I had received the land as

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Chas Carroll Esq.

Mr C Birnie
Thomsdale
near
Taney Town

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Dear Sir

We send a letter this evening for Matthew Stalter at the Liberty Pole 18th Ult. & Monday night this evening the Principle Cattle Drover Capt Hall presents, I have to request your attention that you may receive & prevent from mutual friend Mr C. Birnie one heifer, & one young Bull likewise a paper parcel. I have found Capt Hall the Drover, & very strict, & kept a passenger onboard, who has engaged to take care of the cattle, & which Capt Hall will inform you what he is charging for. We have got the cattle down safe & keep them in our yard till you send for them. I remain yours truly
Johnson Stallings & Co

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Mr Colly Birnie
Barnesville
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