I suppose was yr intention when you first offered it to me free & disencumbered, in the event of any difficulties at the end of two years I would then have had a fund sufficient for my relief & a ballance to commence at any thing else – I think if I had not felt rather at Mr W's suggestion that you would not give it to me (which I mentioned to you before) I would scarcely have consented to take it with the incumbrance, but as it was, after that suggestion I would not have returned to Indk without it on any account – to be sure it was my own act but one which I ever since repented & so does he as it stands it is about the same to me as borrowing so much money as it would sell for, at ~~[illegible]~~ $7.80 per ct for 4 yrs to come annually – If it be now worth $7 per acre that is just about equal to the amt of my debt to you paying 6 per ct & then 6 per cent on $500 for 4 yrs to enable me to meet yr interest would in fact be taking the land for 4 yrs at 7.75 per cent so that although yr intention was my advancement I wish it may not be my down fall – Looking at it in this light & fearing that my profession may not eventually answer I can but forfeit the top of my land in bankruptcy for if Mr W is disposed to aid me should it be necessary I could expect him to do so if his assistance is to extend to paying my debt to you therefore to insure his assistance as far as I can in case of necessity & save the land to a time when my ability might enable me to pay it without the fear of it being taken from me I propose that I would reconvey it to you, tho I would rather hold it if disencumbered then I would hold it agreeably to what was yr ~~[illegible]~~ intention – my advancement for even if it were in a situation for me in spring to make money out of it by cultivation (& not be obliged to borrow to put it in that situation) I would then be borrowing land & not money at 6 per cent valuing the land at $7 – Should I get into difficulties I may say altho my profession as my mind could not be with it – I look at matters upon this light that should my income not meet my expences I shall loose my land & then besides that, my yr debt upwards of $1600 with int from the first of April next which interest it never was yr intention upon I got the land to have charged me with so that my receiving the land has been the means of encumbering me with the int on my debt to you, taking a very precarious chance of my ability to pay it out of the land & a more probable chance of the land being an injury than a benefit I have thus spoken fully on the subject, representing my views & the possible result only with a view that you may judge of their rectitude or error In Error I would most willingly be convinced I am, if it were possible but fear not, however I alone am to blame if I am right & I only wish I could look to a different state of things than unless existing circumstances I fear will arise You can think on this until I see you which if the roads are good I hope will be before this day week

Sincerely Yours
C Burrill

PS you will observe I do not wish to remain longer at my profession than circumstances will admit of but as some persons think marriage a benefit to a man in his business being a kind of surety to his clients I wish to give it a trial – Turn over