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Dear Sir

I received your Letter by Basil and procured from the Executors you directed, Doctr. Thomas both promised to attend your Interest & admonition to them whenever he may be applied to, at this time from Basil's report the Doctrs. Assistance is not necessary — If Butter can be obtained here I will purchase you a Firkin, the most to be relied on, as it is not frequently to be had therein in small quantities and fresh, at Washington I have some Expectation of getting it —

Your sentiments as to the Land are I have already conjecture Circumstance, if there was a probability that the Landholders would not sell much higher than they are worth, the price which is attached of I dare say you never had in Idea, from 2 to 12 pounds per Acre for the Farms, the small Lots will never exceed that — The land will be sold in small farms from 1 to 300 Acres which would make the Quantity you mention amount to a very large Sum, as this is the manner I shall be by which they will command most money. The only place that probably will not exceed the Value is the Land adjoining the brick House, there are

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