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My dear John, Needwood January 10. 1813.

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I had the pleasure to receive yours of the 8. this day Mr. Lumsan together with the President's late Message & many News papers - this is only letter I have received from you since ~~yours of~~ that of the 25. Decemr. the one you mention to have written, communicating the arrival of the Bramble never came to hand - I have not a doubt of a peace taking place between the U. S. & G. B. very soon - Bayard I presume will be nominated by Madison to effect this desirable object - If I had a command of Money & a turn for speculating I would purchase largely of Negroes, if to be had in droves, such for Instance as Queen Ann, Piggs Point, Upper Marlbro & Taylor's Landing - Be assured that Articles will be high if Bonaparte is broken down, & that is or will soon be the case. I shall send to-morrow morning to try the Baltimore market with flour. a little good fresh Butter & a fine Turkey will also be sent by way of experiment - Mr. Jos. Smith informed me a few days past that Beef was very high at the Baltimore Market & in great demand at from 8 to twelve cents a pound, this is equal to as many Dolls. a the Hundred, Mutton was also much sought after - I odd enough to some to Crawford - always unfortunately out of time - he says also that he saw butter sold at 4/8. or 5/3. a Dollar a pound. I am now beginning to feed my Cattle & a parcel of Wethers again which I thought the bad prospect a short time ago made it prudent to discontinue feeding - I have 21 Wethers & 14 or 15 Beeves which may be made fit for slaughtering in 10 or 12 Days - Edgar informed me that potatoes commanded a Dollar a Bushel some time since - if they rise a little higher I would send 150 bushels to yr. Market, mine are good - will you inquire the price of Beef, Mutton & Pork & Potatoes & fresh Butter & inform me by an early opportunity.

I fear it will not be in my power to furnish Doctr. Worthington with any Clover Seed - I shall barely make sufficient for my own use, & under that impression I discouraged many applicants before I heard from the Doctr. fearing calculating upon supplies from me - many of my neighbours have sold their Wheat but I have