not disposed of a bushel - some few have sold within Baltimore & George Town at a reduced price - this will be sent to the P. Office in Frid.y to morrow by Lee - on Friday next the stamps shall be returned by the Mail of that day with my signatures -

I have had many uneasy moments on Mr. Berry's & other peoples' account since I have heard of the Arrival of the British flag of truce: but as you are silent on the subject of his contemplated speculations & Eliza has not mentioned the subject I trust in God none were made - it is in truth a bad way of making a fortune at best - seldom failing to lead to great extravagance, & banishing prudence & moderation for ever - it is just as difficult to cure a confirmed sot of a love of liquor as to put a stop to the career of a speculator whether his commencement is marked with success or otherwise - some few have stopt short after a lucky bret they were endowed with great prudence & strong minds - money made in a slow way by care & industry wears well or like leather as an old successful planter once told me -

I have not had an offer for Red wood of any kind - I am by no means so anxious about receiving offers for this property as for the dis- ie George town, it would be a source of great comfort to me to raise sufficient from them to discharge all claims upon me justly & honorably - & to have some provision for my family also. I intend then undertake to repair the old house here & make such other improvements as would be necessary, and of a permanent kind - What is Carroll laying so long on his Carriage? is the National Bank, or Bank of the Metropolis an object with him? If you can conveniently make inquiry of Jones the Insp.r of Lowder's Warehouse what Tob.o I have in that Warehouse I wish you would do it & inform me & let me know what is become of the Tob.o I had on the Farm - have it stripped & bulked - I believe it never was packed a light kind of Trash Tob.o was carried by Neik to the Warehouse which would not pass as such - & he or the Overseer thought it had better

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