Dear John, Needwood Feb. 26. 1814. 1012

know if it was sold yet, and I lament that I ~~cannot~~ sent it to market. I shall want a Fresh supply of bacon this Spring & I have Killed the Pigs but not sufficient — I meant to have been down — upwards of 3 Days ago but this Mail this day brought me your letter of the 24. for which I give you thanks — I heard with great regret, of my dear Eliza's being about to return to Wilmington on Monday next, it is a severe disappointment & mortification to me, that she should fail in her promise to spend part of the Winter with me in my retirement, after repeated promises which I confidently relied upon — but as it must be so, I will reconcile myself as well as I can — I had indeed anticipated great happiness in her Society & my mind was much relieved from a depression of spirits by the hopes of seeing her from day to day, notwithstanding the badness of the Roads — it is fortunate, as it can happen, that it took place at this season of Mortification — I hope with the blessing of God to turn the disappointment to a good Account by offering yet unremittingly to atone for my transgressions — I did hope that my poor Child would have joined me in endeavors

Eliza wrote me that Gerard who was to be Mary Bacon had an offer of the place or Cato's spring for receipt — my answer was immediately sent to Eliza, that I would accept the offer before

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