the purchaser & want the purchasers — I do
not know what occasioned the uncommon
solicitude, whether the high quality of the stock,
the cheapness of them or the scarcity, perhaps
the latter — be that as it may they are certainly
are very fine & so esteemed — in this farm is
Burnt up by the heat & severe drought — yet
strange to tell the Cattle improved perceptibly
& I hope we shall have at least 18 or 20 fat
for market within 14 days from this — at that
time I shall be up again & offer to give
as much as any other — I expect 5 more
droves for sale by that time — I have
advised Mr. C. Smith of $1500 being in the
B. B. to his Credit for your use — in 14 days
I hope to place $100 or more for the same purpose —
this sale afforded relief to my pastures as well
as my mind — such Cattle are scarcely to be had no
more purchases yet awhile but if ever again
I have not a single application for Needwood —

my loved & dear brother Thomas — I presume you
must be looking towards home by this —
the before mentioned lately received from Europe
must have reached you before we had it
— I wish you health & safe return & remain
Your affectionate parent

Tho. S. [illegible]

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