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Dear John, Needwood November 20. 1815.

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Your letters of the 11th & 13th was received on Wednesday Morning by the same Mail, & that of the 15th by the Mail of Saturday Morning — My hopes of hearing yesterday that Mr Dorsey's Lots had gone off readily at good prices, were very sanguine, but as you were silent on the subject of that Sale, I augur ill of its result, as you must have written on Thursday Evening —

You wrote some time ago that several persons told you after your last Auction, that they would gladly have given upwards of $200 for the Lot of Ground off to Lambert, if they had known the manner in which it was situated — Why then did you not attend to those who since offered $205 on Credit when you know the Necessity I am under to raise Money? — Booth, Gen. Smith, Henry Steiner, Mr Carroll & now within a day or two the F. & M. Bank, have by its President called for $40 to be paid of the $200 over the Institution by the 15th January, the period at which my Note becomes due — the President's Circular says "the Notes of the following Banks & their only will be received in payments — of Philadelphia, Baltimore, Farmer's Bank & Branches, Chartered Banks of Virginia, Bank of Columbia & Banks of Georgetown." With $250 Cash in the right hand of Moler, Scruggs & Thursday & Friday last I have secured 53 Steers which probably would have afforded within 12 Months a profit of $1000 — but nothing short of Baltimore, Phila, Richmond & North Carolina Notes would be looked at, without discounting 5 per Cent — Your Fellow Townsmen look, rather than work do, if the present call of the Banks deter them from engagements to pay 6, 9 & 12 Months hence & ready Money might seek the Spirit for adventuring anto Sales for

This is a Copy of a letter sent by yesterday's Mail to Mr. Lee — in a Letter of the date of which I mentioned to you that I had sent a Copy of the Letter to Mr. Lee — I mention this to explain the allusion to Lambert — Yours

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