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My dear Eliza,

I replied to your letter of the 18th by yesterdays mail, and tho' mine was very long yet I did not dwell so much as I intended upon the subject of the Grove Tract – I was not at all surprised to hear that Wm William did not purchase because I did not expect he would, he is hard to please and values money too highly to exchange it for Land, or any thing else – From what you say & the idea I have of the Land on Sassafras generally, I think the Grove must be really cheap for $18 000 – it must be cheap at $20,000 – to Mr Horsey I am persuaded it would be; as it joins his farm – it would be a provision for his whole family of Children even if he had as many more – the time is not far distant be assured, when 4 or 5 ~~00~~ & even 300. Acres of good Land will be considered an ample provision for a Child – male or female – I should prefer good Land to all Cotton Mills factories or any other new mode of making fortunes – Tan yard excepted & that requires so small a Capital, that Mr Horsey may carry his on & spare sufficient of his funds to accomplish the purchase – Here I cannot abstain from deploring his determination to sell his Negroes – Mark & Robert's two next oldest sons with himself Will, Nell & Poll would have been sufficient to stock one tract & the other, with an addition of a few – two or 3 Men would have sufficed for the Grove – it would be worth his while to ride over to see this farm in its present state, provided he brings you & the Children with him – it would surely induce him to buy the Grove for an extensive Grazing farm, what more is he may surely make

We have a profusion of this Pippin & White Chestnut Trees
Since writing the above I have seen Mr Ridgely & he informs me he will give $1000 for the Grove
Mr Ridgely is a man of fortune & family in affluent circumstances & is a good Farmer

My love to my Father
Sincerely yours
Ch. Carroll of Carr.

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