Sherwood Forest
May 21. 1848

My Dear Sir,

You have doubtless before this received my last letter in which I informed you that so soon as Judge Christian should get home from his circuit I would see him and arrange the title as to the 50. acres. On returning from his last court he called upon me most opportunely last evening, and left me again this morning on his way to Williamsburg. He expresses his readiness to take any course which I may esteem best — either to advertise and sell here, or to assign any one of Hendren's bonds or the whole deed of Trust to. The amount purporting to be secured by the latter is now, interest and all included upwards of $50,000 so that all that Sam. Carey said about inadequacy of consideration would be more than met by the assignment. Hendren is hopelessly involved, and whether I bought the land for one or another price, was of no moment, seeing that as one of Mr. Christian's Distributees my interest in the claims against Hendren exceeded or fully equaled the present value of the property. But at the time of purchase land in that neighborhood sold for 50. cts 75 cts and $1 per acre. The coal explorations have imparted to it new value. I would advise that on your present trip you see for yourself into

every thing - go to Morganfield and ascertain precisely the position of the title Sam Carey said that he had got a decree for the entire title except for 50 acres - Now Henderson left two children - John the son has fully conveyd a moiety, and a decree against the female infant for all but the 50 acres, would fully verify his statement - He is strongly, and I thought strangely impressed with the necessity of a suit against the infant founded on some debt of her father's, to subject the land to its payment - You perceive from what I have said above, that there is no difficulty in the way if this course shall be preferd - If S. Carey has left for Washington see if you can some other lawyer practicing in the Morganfield court and take his advice, provided you have any doubt - Judge Christian's papers are in Williamsburg and requires examination in order to find Henderson's papers, - he will be up here again in a short time when the matter in any form I may think best, could be accomplished - Does this want of a title to the 50 acres prevent the institution of a suit forthwith for the land in dispute: I suppose not. The reservation was of 100 acres for a town; and that town was located on the River - That suit ought to be instantly brought - I enclose you Goldsborough's letter -

I can add nothing to my previous letter - Do let me hear from you

and take good care of yourself – Keep away from the steam-boat boilers – and as much as possible out of the sun –

I have sought to reach you by this at Barnums – All well

Yrs Truly John Tyler

P. S. You will have to pay the surveyor to go with you on the line and to look for <u>McKennidge's corner</u> – It will be best to see him and offer to reward him liberally –

James River
May 23

Free

J. Tyler

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J. Tyler
May 24 1845.
Inclosing Patent
to Mr. Tilly

To be returned at
Barnums hotel
Mr. Gardiners arrival