

Sherrwood Forest

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My Dear Col:

My desire to part with the Kentucky land increases daily. Some enquiries have been addressed to me, but nothing of a definitive character has transpired, and without the employment of some agency I fear that it may remain on hand for some time. It has occurred to me therefore that ~~the~~ it would be judicious to employ Mr. Prentiss, the Broker, to look into the matter and ascertain whether any thing can be done in New York. From his solicitude to have a finger in the business he may see an opportunity to sell which is unknown to me. Will you then enquire of Mr. Stillwell as to his whereabouts and see him without delay. Of course I do not mean to invest him with control over the subject, but mean simply to interest him to make enquiries and to report to me. If he can effect a good sale, I should not be disinclined to allow him a reasonable compensation.

I am once more getting ~~well~~ Mr. Ely says, in more comfortable health than for the last two months, but still fears to venture

about much. I have procured the services
of a nephew, a son of Doctor Tyler about my
farm and shall in future exercise a more
general supervision. This will enable me
to devote more attention to my manuscripts
and to complete a task which I have begun.
Your mother is decidedly improving in health
and I think the prospect of her entire restoration
is better than it has been for 12 months. She
however begins to cast her eyes to New York, where
alone she seems content to be. Well, it is natural
that it should be so - it is her birth-place and
besides possesses numberless attractions -
Julia and the leaders of The Scotch Class are
getting on finely. I have my hands full
in attending to the other children all of whom
are well. No news. Our dead Sea is never
agitated by waves. The fall of an oak or a
tommy pine, both children of centuries, some
times startles us, and that is all - we make
ourselves comfortable over large fires, and
scarcely stretch down the passing time.

With best love to Margaret and little Henry

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