

Sheswood Forest

My dear Sir,

April 15. 1852

A letter received from Mr. Corcoran on yesterday will relieve you from any further annoyance relative to the note executed by Alexander to Corcoran and Pegg. The mode in which the transaction originated was this. C. L. R. on being informed of the villainous conduct of my agents, they having, ostensibly taken a 1/4<sup>th</sup> of the land, manifested a desire to part with their interest for three thousand dollars, and Alexander agreed to take it at that price in the course of a correspondence between us about it. I wrote to C. L. R. about it, and the bargain was made. A. gave his three notes payable in one two and three years with interest and I became the Endorser. Before the first note fell due however he expressed a desire to have the transaction changed, and I agreed to take the purchase on myself and became the paymaster, and placed in his hands the money to redeem the two first notes. When the last note was falling due I wrote to C. L. R. for indulgence until I could sell the land and they readily granted it. Mr. Corcoran says in his letter of yesterday that



he and his partners had purchased this arrange-  
ment. & that the note <sup>will</sup> be immediately  
recalled. In order to avoid any such mistake  
in future, I propose to withdraw that note  
and substitute my own. ~~with~~ To this they  
readily accede, and if I have to trouble you  
at all about it, it will be to give me the  
use of your name as security, which will in  
no degree affect you. In the mean time  
I wish to resort to every proper expedient  
to sell the land. It is idle to hold it, & that  
if I cannot sell it for one price I shall be  
willing to do it for another. I fear that  
the freshets have inundated the country from  
the Mountains of Virginia to New Orleans -  
I see accounts of immense destruction on  
the Monongahela, and that a portion of Cin-  
cinnati had been overflowed. The coal lands  
are never affected by these overflows, and  
they fortunately come when there are no  
crops on the bottoms. So that the farming  
interest is but little injured. They hope off  
in a few days -

We have had a stormy and backward  
spring, but nevertheless the forests are getting  
into leaf. The gardens are giving promise  
of early vegetables, the trees getting into bloom  
and the fields putting on their vestiments of green.  
After a hard night's rain, the weather is very



warm this morning - I hope that the winter  
and all its accompaniments of cold nights  
and frosty mornings, are now fairly gone.  
Alek who has been quite sick is recovering  
rapidly, and I am able now to ride out, and  
to walk short distances. I have passed a ter-  
-rible and trying winter. I trust that your  
mother and Margaret, after getting located on  
the Island will feel all the advantages of  
pure air and contented minds. From the  
description of this future home, it must be  
delightful. Julia does not write to day  
having nothing special to communicate.  
We received the cards which indicate the ap-  
-proaching wedding of the 20<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Hawthorne's  
and all -

With affectionate regards to all

Yrs Truly  
P. Pleyden

No letters reached us from any of you yesterday -

Col. D. L. Gardner