

Christiansburg 15 April 1854
Dear Scott

Your letter has caused me no little trouble and has caused me the delay in answering it, for my life I could not make only the name and what is worse I could not find a man in Christiansburg smart enough to make it out, and only just now I was speaking of you that I recollect the conversation in Lynchburg about the Guyson Estate, I cannot name a time when it will be sold, but some time in June I suppose. Crockett Farm has 1100. acres and is what I would call a choice farm in perfect order in every respect. Some say that the house and 600 acres of land will be sold and 500. acres with out improvement sold in another lot - all is under

most excellent fencing and improved
persons who are better judges than
I pronounce this estate better than
any of our Cracker farms. and some
have put the land at \$50 per acre
I don't know that it will at that
figure but I should not think any
man would be hurt at it & I
would consider him fortunate to
get it for less, Crocket has made
more grain and other products from
his farming than any farmer in
the County in Wheat & Corn it is famous
Tobacco you know is a novelty here
almost the many planters are
working to a small extent west of
this place it is 6 mi from Central
Depot on Little River which will be
made navigable for Boats to New R
thence to RR at some day being
10 miles from Chubbansburg on a

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than improving rapidly. Schools & Church
than convenient good Roads &c &c
& some Should your friends wish to visit
re this Country or locate know of
that no fairer land would point to
any sooner than this the Guilford and
St. No. 1. Large & Roomy in good order
to and with the fence may say all
made in the right place.

from. I have and can only give you
in an imperfect description of this
Landing Land and hope your friend will
see visit old Montserrat and see our
Mountain homes. Can't open come
of too

Very Truly Your friend

Camer W. Shields

P.S. Richard P. Jones late of Amherst lives
within six miles of this Estate

[Faint, illegible cursive handwriting on aged, yellowed paper with horizontal and vertical fold lines.]