Franklin, July 1st, 1817

Sirs,

I am under the necessity of troubling you to do some business for me. I have become owner of the existing ground plantation, in which the vineyard was bought of Mr. Brown. The land is for sale, my price is eighteen hundred dollars. Prompt payment, then, I would give a complete grant. On a part of that vineyard provided that in the event of failure on the part of the purchaser, I have agreed to the above land, if you or Joseph Crockett, Esq. then you will receive the same money. I am writing to you to make the conveyance, I am the owner of two pieces of land in Coolbrook, and I must have an accurate survey to be made, or the corner, shown. I wrote for money, and wish to avoid all future difficulties. I would much rather you could settle for money, but I would take one or two likely young men, provided I could see them. They were such as would be unobtrusive. If there is any prospect of selling, I wish you to advertise the land for sale or make it as generally known as you can. If you should resell I wish you to so notify yourself for all the expenses you may have. And your trouble, you will please to write to me by Joseph Crockett, Esq. or by mail, if you wish any further
Instructions before he returns, I have no news worth your attention, all our friends in this country are well.

James D. Barock

Samuel

Reptile 1794.

John Malling