My 15th Sec.

I enclose the copy of a letter from C. T. Peggs which seems to me to be liberal and fair, and yet I have difficulty in re-purchasing from them in my own name at a less price than they gave me. The land independent of the coal is richly worth the money. You will see that they require you to join me in the bonds or notes of abundance cantale. They might make a transfer of their contract to you and you could after surrender it to me after the money was paid to you. or am I over and above stupendous? I confess that I am inclined to be so especially in a money matter. I am somewhat reluctant to embrace myself by entering into new obligations to pay money, but I regard the offer they make as so safe to take that I have pretty much made up my mind to take it so. The half that I have sold you is altogether mine and your propositions as to the entire land in distinct or altogether satisfactory. It will however be necessary for you to take a trip to the land at some early day. I have written to Cady and can get no answer. The fact is you will find it necessary to locate on the land a most worthy agent who is fully
known to you and if we can do no better let us make arrangements to open the
land which can be more than repaid by
selling the wood and as we can easily proceed
to cultivate— For the latter purpose I would
clear up the splendid land near the mines.
It is computed that there are 150 acres of
that table land which would produce
100 bushels of corn to the acre, and cor-
respondingly of tobacco. It is in truth of
incalculable value and is never flooded—
but nothing can be done without a faithful
agent and a small negro force. If however
in view of all difficulties you shall deem
it best to sell, then let us advertise at
Pittsburgh, New York, Cincinnati, St. Louis,
Memphis and New Orleans and see
what can be done—the ratification of the
Mexican Treaty will relieve the money market
and the spirit of circulation will soon be
on tiptoe— In the mean time write yourself
as to the rest of your affairs. I wrote
two months ago and have no answer—

My draft on you for $1500 faces here
about the 8th April— Send me an acceptance for that amount without delay
that I may place the amount at your
disposal— You know the form of the draft.
My crop is still on hand, (2000 bushels) and
I see but little prospect of its advancing in
Price and I have to meet Weston's draft of $750 early in April. My corn will meet this. Should I conclude to sell now—otherwise I shall look to other sources and will see if a homestead act will help. The contract you sent me—

Mr. Gardiner reached us in safety and with the exception of a slight cold is quite well. This will if weather has fully settled the conviction on her mind that our house is quite airy. We are literally in the arms of nature. Julia continues well and Gardner assure himself with your picture book.

With best love to all

Yours

P.S. Put the draft in form with your acceptance on the back.

A. Gardiner Esq.
March 13, 1796

Received from C.S. H. 1/4

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