Sherwood Forest
Jan. 15, 1832

My Dear Col:

My desire to speak with the
Indiana land enuences daily. Some en-
quiring have been addressed to me, but nothing
of a defenitive 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 if it would be judicious to employ
Mr. Pintress, the brother, to look into the
matter and ascertain whether anything
can be done in the way from his
situation to have an inquiry in the bureau
may he see some opportunity to see
which it is understood to me. Will you then
employ Mr. Stillwell as to his usual
and see him without delay. Of course I
do not mean to invest him with control
over the subject, but merely simply to inter-
est him to make inquiries and to report
to me. If he can effect a good sale I
should not be displeased to allow him
any reasonable compensation.

I am once more getting letters Ely
says, in answer consumable health. That for
the last two months, but still fear to mention
about much. I have procured the services of a nephew, a son of Doctor Yorke, who will 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 evidently improving in health and I think the prospect of her entire restoration is better than it has been for 12 months. She begins to cast her eyes to New York where she knows content to be. Well, it is natural that it should be so; it is her birthplace and besides possesses many attractions. Julia and the leader of the Scotch Clans are getting on finely. I have my hands full in attending to the other children, all of whom are well. No news—our eldest is never agitated by assertion. The face of an oak or a tumbling pine, both children of centuries, sometimes startles us, and that is all—we make ourselves comfortable over large fires and slowly etch down the passing time.

With best love to Margaret and little Mary.

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