Chilluston, 15th April 1880

Dear Scot,

Your letter has caused me no little trouble, and has caused me the delay in answering it. For my life I could not make out the name and what is more, I could not find among my Chilluston seeds enough to make it out, and only just now was speaking of you that I recollected the Anneson family. I am thinking about the Geary family. I cannot name a time when it will be sold. But some time in June, perhaps. Crockett Farm, has 1100 acres, and is what I would like to have in perfect order in every respect. Some say that there are 100 acres of land will be sold, and 50 acres will not be. More land is under cultivation.
most excellent fenced and improved
fence who are better judges than
I pronounce this Estate better than
any of our Creek farms, and we
have put the land at 750$ per
acre. I don't know that it is at that
figure but I don't think any man would be hurt at it. I
consider him fortunate to get it for less. Crocket has more
wheat and other produce from his farming than any farm in
the County in Wheat Corn it is famous for.

Tobacco you know is a novelty here
almost the same planter are
content to remain extent western
this place it is 60 miles from Centrev
Depot a little river which will be
made navigable for Trace to New R
there to NC at some day ending
10 miles from Crisfield and
I was much pleased to hear from you, and I trust that you and your friends are all well. I hope you will have the opportunity to see this Country of mine soon, and I look forward to your visit. The Building is very well, and the new residence will be ready soon. The new Building is very beautiful and comfortable, and I am sure you will enjoy your stay here.

My truly, your friend,

James M. Shields

P.S. Richard P. Jones, late of Fullerton, is now residing near the Site of his Estate.