

No. 170 Park St. Baltimore  
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H B Swarr Esq

My Dear Sir

I have your favor of yesterday. I will write to Virginia and have the papers authorizing me to sell the Stock ~~drawn~~ in the Shepherdstown bridge drawn in compliance with their laws, and when received forward to you for execution. Since my last letter I have learned that there was another act passed by the Legislature of West Va. last winter, giving the \$10,000. stock held by the State to certain parties stockholders mentioned in the bill on condition that they would rebuild the bridge in two years. This will I fear lessen the value of the stock – I will get a copy of the bill and send it to you.

When you have the papers prepared: if you will forward me a statement of the amount respectively due to Mrs [sic] Johnson, Mrs [sic] Kennedy Mr [sic] Nentes & Mrs Nicklin – and the proper receipts to be given by them. I will have the receipts signed and returned to you and send you a check for the residue of the first instalment. Mr [sic] Russell will I presume prepare and send me the notes of the deferred payments. When these papers are executed I will have executed a deed of trust settling for the respective interests of the different parties. I have in my possession a letter written by Chas B Hitchcock of Havre de Grace on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October in reply to one from Isaac N Carter in which he says “I have been agent for Mr [sic] Lanes [sic] lots here since 1848. Taxes are all paid – There 34 lots taxed in all at \$752; but are worth more than that. I have heard nothing from the Exos [sic] as to any sale of them.” Should you wish and authorize me to do so I will go up and see what they can be sold for and if price is satisfactory to you take out the necessary papers – and make the sale. When last in Bedford Co [sic] I stopped two days at Hopewell and examined the lands – The New tract has little or no value for mining purposes – the other tracts are all valuable. There is coal on the WLain tract within 250 yds [sic] of the terminus of the Hopewell coal Co. R.R. which I am satisfied will prove nearly if not quite as valuable as the Churington opening. Mr. Lowry made me an offer to exchange the Lane for the New tract we giving him the privilege of cutting the timber from the Lane and from the 51 acres of the WLain cut over for [coss ?] ties by Jas Hovtore. I have written accepting his offer but have not heard from him in reply. I feel extremely anxious to get this tract as it would make the others much more valuable.

Yours very truly,  
H R Riddle

Regards to Mr. Carpenter. I pity you if you have many – such lengthy correspondents.

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