

Chatham Hill

20 Dec 1870

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just come up from Mr. Morgan  
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me some Lob on Martins  
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use some of it right now  
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Yours  
Jm Kay

Chatham Hill  
Va Fb 18 1902

Dear Brother

Your letter to hand some dayes ago glad to hear you are all well. We are having a very cold winter some four inches Snow and a high wind fortunately I have plenty of feed for once and full supply of cattle have engaged my cattle for fall delivery at a fine price selling 225 head export cattle. The greatest job we have now is to feed those cattle in all 500 head when we have snow it is difficult to feed enough. You wrote me about selling the timber in Va. Timber here is very high and advancing lands have also greatly advanced so it depends much upon the price offered for the timber I do not think lumber will even be worth less than now it seems to me it would be best to sell timber and then the land afterwards. Tis fine tobacco land and I see leaf tob is selling for a fine price I would like to come over in spring and have an estimate made on timber can you have that done if so the trees ought to be marked when it is done.

Hugh and all are well just come up fm Mr. Mergen. Mally (Molly?) has a little boy all are well as usual. You said you would ship me some Tob on Martins apc send it on I can use some of it right now I see probable Congress may reduce the price on Tax on tob. soon.

We are getting small pox scattered through the co see a great deal of it through Va. Let Genie & Jo come and see hope you are well send Tob. soon as possible to do so my love to all

Yours

J M Gwyn