

Cortland Village March 23. 1825

Stephen S. Perckman Esq.,

Dear Sir,

The expected answer to my last letter arrived a few days since, and contained the requisite directions respecting the remittance of the money, that had lain dormant in my hands for some time. But as Mr. Edgcomb was on the eve of departure for New York, I deemed his personal conveyance the most advisable and expeditious mode of transmission. I therefore sent, by him \$99. the amount that I have received from the Hunters, now remaining in my possession. Since writing my last line, I have sold the remaining forty five acres on your subdivision to two persons separately at \$8 1/2. per acre in the same manner, that the preceding sales have been made. To one of them an article was given for a deed of 20 acres, and to the other for a deed of 25 acres. Both men are amply able, as I understand, to make the covenanted payments for the land. But of one of them I took a note of \$45. as collateral security, and hold an agreement from

him for additional security to the amount of
\$90. Mr. Brown did not appear to purchase the
land at the price specified, and I have disposed
of it, I believe, at its utmost value. The first pay-
ment is to be made on the several articles on the
first of January next, and the residue is payable
in five annual instalments, as in the other articles.
All the purchasers applied to me to procure the
lot to be surveyed in the several parcels, in
which it had been sold. And I informed them
that they could get the land surveyed, and if
it devolved on you by custom or right to pay
the whole or part of the expense of the survey.
You doubtless would not dissent to the charge.
I have lately learned, that it has been surveyed,
and that there is such a deficiency in the width
of the lot, as to reduce the alleged quantity
about two acres. I have not seen the surveyor's
book, but imagine, that he must have committed
some error in the survey. I have examined the
partition Certificate in the Clerk's Office, in
which the survey of the land must be accurately
articulated. From that, I perceive, that this lot
was assigned to Maria Brinkman as a portion of
her inheritance. I suppose, that to be the name
of Mrs. Brinkman, and if it is not, I would thank
you to inform me. I shall attend to Mr. Brown
immediately, those, who depredate on your lot
and Mr. Tallmadge's, have traced their lawless and

On the other parts of the lot they still con-
tinue to commit waste and destruction. I
have not yet heard from Mr. Tallmadge, and
am anxiously waiting for some intelligence from
him, as there are frequent applications made
to purchase. Nor have I heard any thing from
Mr. Grant. - I have not yet been able to dis-
pose of your lot in flower, although I have
made every endeavour to do it. Perhaps I
shall have better success this spring.

Be assured of my indefatigable exertions
to promote your interest in the disposal of
your property, and of my readiness to render
obedience to any directions or commands
you may communicate.

Yours sincerely,
J. J. Potts.

Letter from
Daniel T. Betts
March 23rd
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R. M. Edgcomb }