(OBVERSE)

Toronto 23 Sep. 1854

Dear James

I received in due course of Post your very agreeable letter of the 21st [unknown character] and thank you for your concise views of the present state of the world, and of things in general, not forgetting your kind invitation to small hall which I cannot do myself the pleasure to

[On the left of the page, two lines with the sender's name and the date are shown: '(Thomas?) G. (unknown last name)

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[Continues the letter from the obverse document] accept or reasons best known to myself. The least of which is that I can't go, and the greatest is that I won't, besides agricultural news have no attraction for me

With respect to that accidental paragraph in your letter when you want to pit £600 against £200. I beg to say in reply that I will try to find you a customer, tho I know of none of this moment but no doubt there are some greedy fish who will be glad to swallow your gilded hook. I shall therefore make enquiries, and in my way I will call upon both Hercules and Plutus.

Wishing you a great many £600 mortgages

I remain
Yours truly
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