Bills on London at this place, have been at 17 – 17½ disc^d, but the last week they were much enquired for —

The Bonds & Mortgages belonging to your family, have all I think been payable one or more years; but no with has been expressed by any one to pay; but those of Hogans & Hides. — If the times look more perilous and an agreement could be made to extend the period of their payment, I think it would be preferable in all cases where the security is good, to having them paid to reloan — It will be necessary to look out for Bonds of responsible persons secured by Mortgages on lands or Farms that are ample, to reloan the Moneys for Hides & Hogans, if you & Mr Bradish think not to receive it

I have heard nothing further in regard to the place at Middletown, when I do if from the terms & description, it appears worth looking at, will go there with that view, and extend my excursion to New York — Should you see any intelligent person from Middletown on whom you could rely, I write you to enquire about it —

In regard to the place of Two Clintons near Poughkeepsie, if the War continues the River will be a passage way for the Military, which with the fever Agues that infest its borders, leads me to view it not an eligible place for my residence — It would be however well to obtain information about it, if it should go at a price that would be beneficial to purchase as an investment; But I suppose there are many Capitalists that want to place money out in what will weather the Storm, and probably some of the Clinton family from local attachment, will bring it up to its full value —

Mrs Channing & Children join me in regards to you & yours —

Wm Channing

Colo G. Gibbs —