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My dear Sir

I was very happy to learn yesterday by Mr Francis, that he had completed the bargain for the sale of the "two hill farm" [illegible] at very handsome prices. Several months since I understood, that a purchase was contemplated, but the price Mr Francis then asked so far exceeded its estimated value, that it was extremely doubtful, whether it could be effected, and probably could not have been by any individual for agricultural, or the common purposes of a farm, or the uses to which it has been appropriated, or any other excepting the particular one for which it is purchased. Mr Francis like a faithful financial agent, knew what was wanted, and has with great judgment so managed the sale, as to obtain the price beyond the opinion of your most sanguine friends, and the calculation of the knowing ones.

Colo Jaques, with whom I think you are personally acquainted, and who is justly distinguished for his extensive knowledge in all kinds of stock, their properties, qualities, and the best practical mode of breeding, raising, and bringing them to the highest state of perfection, of which they are capable, and second probably to no gentleman here