

Clifton Grove March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1854

My dear Mother,

Our windows are open today, there is a soft balmy air- the peach & plum trees are in blossom. One of our Servants is very sick with dropsy, the Dr. Thinks she will never be any better. I did not answer some questions which you asked. The northern branch of the Nense river runs between us & Snow Hill viz Contentina Creek, it bounds this plantation on the Southern side for about five miles- there are about 700 acres worth from 12 to 15 dollars per acre. The pine land averages from 3 to 6 dollars per acre, of that there are 14 acres, besides there are 73 acres at Snow Hill, we do we don't know the value, if that town should ever wake up it would be quite valuable.

But all these things we will talk over I hope next month I wish you could spend the Summer with me, somehow I can't help dreading it. If I have left anything at home which you think I may need & you can bring do not wish them, I wish you would. Will you get me some Tapioca & Sage &... I will pay you. Mrs. Shays uses a kind of yeast I wish you would inquire about maybe it would do for me. We have ordered. With love to Pa I am still your affectionate daughter. Ben sends love.

Sarah