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Hartford 15th June 1813

Dear Sir

I thank you for the information ^{in yours of 8th ult} concerning the proceedings of the Legislature relative to the North tier.

I confess I am not a little surpris'd that the State of New York should claim the North tier after the length of time which has elapsed since the occupation under the grant ~~(~~to~~ from the State & the Survey~~ ^{and} but after having claimed & received taxes from the Proprietors for more than twenty years. I am altogether undetermined what is best for me to do & must remain so till I know the price at which the States claim may be extinguish'd when you are inform'd on this subject I shall thank you to communicate your information to me.

I do not find by recurring to your ~~past~~ letter, that Mr Bell has ever made any security for the Land (which I suppose he claims) granted in Pumpelly's survey; I wish you to have that business adjusted without further delay. I have no objection to have the payment for the deficiency extended to the most distant instalment, provided it be on interest from the beginning as the others was

If Mr Bingham is unable at present to pay for the lot which he purchased I am willing to extend the credit on the principal (upon his paying the interest punctually) to almost any length, but I cannot consent to be at an actual expence to sell my lands & then give up the contract, nor can I consent to sell a

whole lot I then allow the purchaser to retain just as much, or a little
 as he please of the best part on the same terms as the whole was sold
 & turn the remainder back on my hand. In this way I should
 bear every possible loss which might accrue by a change of times
 or by an unforeseen casualty to the Land, or ~~loss~~ from destruction of
 timber or by waste & bad husbandry in the purchase, without
 any chance at a possible benefit under any circumstances.

I should be unwilling to distrust Mr. Brigham, but I am sure that with
 industry he may ^{pay} \$8 or \$9 Dollars a year and add something to the
 value of his farm, that he can sell it for more than 5 Dollars an acre.

I should prefer selling my lots entire to making a division of them
 as in general the part selected would be all or most of the Land
 of good quality on the lot, & the sale of the remainder would be
 defeated. Two purchasers may join if the lots should be larger
 than any one ^{would} wish to improve, the division then can be
 made to accommodate both without prejudice to either.

You frequently request me to give some general rule by which
 you may be able to make terms with applicants, as to the price
 of the lots without the trouble of communicating them to me for
 acceptance. The inconveniences of this mode I am as perfectly
 aware of, as you can possibly be & shall be obliged to you to
 suggest a remedy - I have very often attempted to devise a mode
 which I thought safe & prudent, ^{but} ~~and~~ have never been quite satis-
 fied with any plan which occurred to me. I can fix ^a price for
 the whole tract which I own, but this when applicants on the

Several lots, must be done with a reference to soil & situation which
 are so various, ^{as} to admit no general rule of appreciation, that I know
 of - I can indeed submit the price ^{to} the estimation of others;
 but I ~~am~~ ^{am} alone obligated to accept such price as they should fix
 the chance of a bad bargain would be the only chance I should have
 & the purchaser would accept every bargain which would be a good
 one to him

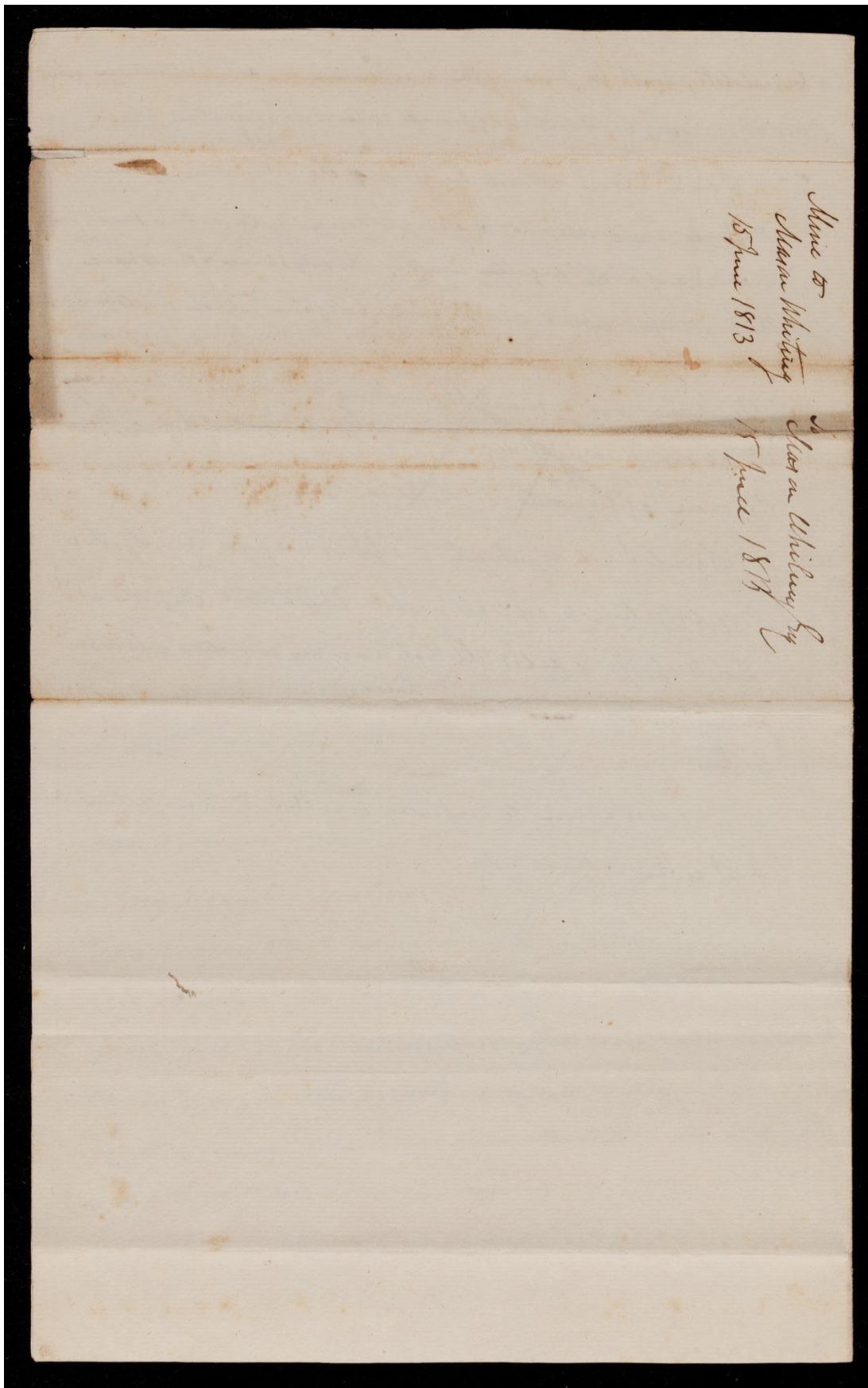
~~Perhaps would in general be unwilling to be bound to take any
 lot at such price as it might be appraised at: unless they were sure
 the men ^{upon} agreed would put the price low.~~

Should I have opportunity to visit Chmango myself, it is
 my intention to visit all my lots & fix a price in fact as I
 should choose to sell, till that time my estimation will depend
 on the knowledge I ~~have~~ ^{have} already, or may gain from the information
 of others

I wish you to enquire whether 37 can be divided
 & at it the value be

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