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25<sup>th</sup> April

BERWICK ST JOHN,

SALISBURY.

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My dear General

If you are still

willing to buy

haboth for £3000

I have been persuaded

to accept it if you  
will pay the legal  
costs as well. I am  
going to London tomorrow  
and if you would write  
to me to Arthur's Club  
I would go and find

out how much it would  
cost and tell you definitely  
if I can and when I  
can sell it. Agnes has  
been in bed all day she  
is better this evening again.

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Latterford



Rushmore,  
Salisbury.

April 27th, 1897.

My dear Walter,

Alex is dead against the purchase of the "Eyesore" at £3000. He says it is an enormous sum for it, which of course it is; that it would entail a great deal of planting and would not realize anything like half the value of the capital expended. I think he is wrong in forming so decided an opinion against it, but as I am only going to be here for so short a time, I do not wish, if I can help it, to go counter to his wishes and leave him discontented and grumbling, when everything has been done to the best of my power for the future of the property.

However, I have said I will give £3000 and I will do so, but

I see no reason why there should be any unusual provisions for the payment of the costs. Probably the same people who advised you not to accept my offer, now advise you to take it, and the extra costs simply put the same demand in other words. I don't know what the costs would amount to. If it were only an affair of £25 or so, I might not hold out against that. I should strongly advise you if you really wish to sell the land, to accept the enormous sum offered without any further quibbling about it.

One thing, however, must be regarded as a sine qua non. I must have the whole of the area shown in my plan, including the strip on the east to the north of the road, and the boundary up to the dead clump on the west with a curve northward from that to the road. That is not quite as far on the west as I originally drew it, but anything short of that would completely spoil the whole thing, and I should certainly think no more about it, unless the entire area were included up to that line.

I am very sorry to hear Agnes has been ill again; she should take more care. I am writing this from my bed.

Yours affectly,

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