

New Haven, Jan. 1st 1805

My Friend (Wm. Cooper),

I have just met with yours of December 6th accompanying a deed of the land you agreed to convey to me, but I have not the writing you gave me in town, not expecting to meet the deed here. I will however enclose it to you soon. Mr. Baron declines making any further purchases of new lands at present & for myself I have not courage enough on the whole, to mount the purchase of your 10,600 acre tract, or a part of it, and I have not had leisure to say anything to any body else about the purchase. So that you may consider yourself at liberty to embrace any favorable opportunity for a sale.

Your sincerely,
Nathaniel Smith