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Mrs. Olive Tilford Dargan,
Almond, N.C.

Dear Aunt Olive:

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 7th, with inclosed check in Allston's name in the amount of \$1,166.64; being your share of the loss on the Henry Alford mortgage. I am as glad as you are to have this matter out of the way, as it had been a constant source of worry to me for the past three years. As Woods wrote you the land was bought in by Allston at \$6,000.00, which I believe is all that it is worth, for I have tried to sell it and \$5,000.00 is the highest price I had offered; from this I really do not believe that this land is worth more than the \$6,000. at which we bid it in. If either you or Caroline want this tract at \$6,000. you are very welcome to it; if neither of you want it I will accept it for Allston at this price, and trust to be able to sell it later on so as to get this much for it.

Allston and both children are doing well, I wish you could see the baby as she is very cute, and the best child I ever saw, just the opposite from Jim who was a terror as a small baby; this baby never cries unless something is bothering her, and she sleeps all night, in fact stays in a room by herself. Jim is quite a boy now, and the little baby has of course thrown him more on his own resources. I do wish you could come by and see us some time. Mrs. Dargan and Caroline are both well, the latter still busy working for the Clerk of the Supreme Court.

I am very busy and hope to keep so, as I have quite an establishment now, and as the old saying goes "It takes cash to make the mare go".

Affectionately,

Harrison D. Pantons

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