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Williamstown May 1829

Mr. Carleton Esq

Sir Yours of 20th inst. received last night. I have not rec^d any offer for the land, nor do I know of any designs to buy it, but, as I wrote before, if Mr. Evans will name his lowest price & terms I will see if I can get some one to take it.

The asking price for best lots in this region is about 2.00 to 2.50 per acre, which is about the same that it was 20 years ago - but no sales are made of any consequence, the cement of settlement being altogether up Penobscot river & on the east side & so over to Hurdle. In this direction there is abundance of ^{best} land which may be had from one dollar down to thirty cents per acre, & as the State is continually throwing more land into the market, than there is demand for, the price can not rise very soon - Mr. Evans lot is not first quality (he will ~~recall that he has offered his choice of 3 different qualities of land~~ choose the lowest because the price was lowest) & if it was it could hardly be expected to sell ~~without~~ a loss very soon - no effective sales have been made in this town for several years & ~~not a~~ dollar of payment made for ^{many years} ~~any time~~ some are about moving out, & no prospect of any coming in - the only chance for a sale is that some might be induced to take it for the sake of a low price & easy payment.

I have not received the money ^{from Hild & Storer} for the ~~tax of last year~~ but have paid them up & have the Collectors receipts - The whole amount of State County, town & Highway taxes ^{for the last last year} was ten dollars, 91 cents - This year I can not tell what they will be, as I have declined all town business, but there was not so much money raised, & the taxes therefore will ~~be~~ be less -

Very respectfully

Yours obt^d servt

Wm.

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To Mr Charles C
Cauden
1 May 1839