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The time is approaching when it will be necessary for Ann to determine whether to surrender the Bond <sup>given</sup> to her late husband by Mr. Crocker, respecting a part of the Flagstaff Township — She wishes to do what is proper & what would be most agreeable to the heirs, and will be much obliged by your advice on the subject. As the terms of the Bond require that nearly four thousand dollars should be paid by the middle of April, I do not see how it will be possible to comply with the condition. — I know of no mode in which the money can be raised out of the Estate.

Ann has been quite unwell with a severe cold or influenza, which has affected us all for two or three weeks — She desires her best regards to you. Your brother will give you all the news. Hoping soon to have the pleasure of seeing you I am with great respect & esteem yours &c  
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