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My dear Rankine,

You must be considerably surprised at not having received a letter from me ere this, well up to the present time there has been but little to tell you: after you left Sville I did not go into Emerson as I then intended doing. Walter Ratham wishing to go, I resigned in his favour, & returned here almost immediately & went to Nelsonville on the way. there I heard nothing satisfactory about the land: since then I have never been away from here

2) there being too much to do, for some weeks past I have been quite unable to do anything, having been laid up with a bad gathering on my leg. Now that I am writing I have nothing but bad news for you: Cecil heard, when in S-ville not long since that entries were being given for the railway land in I VII & VIII, & on going at once to N-ville found such to be the case, when he arrived entries had been given for most of the railway lands: all the sections you had your name down for are sold to Winram, Greenway, Beck & others, Winram also has an entry for part of the section Max Douet wanted. Evans & Rackham are in N-ville

now, but I am afraid they will find
that their railway land is sold. Fred
Durance bought my half of sec. 1577 for me,
he went to N. ville with Frank Skantain
as soon as ever we heard of this; some
man actually had the check to get an
entry for part of sec XX Wilnot's home-
stead, but of course he could not keep
it on account of the improvements made
Now do you wish me to return the \$2500.00
I hold of yours, as there is no chance
of purchasing land with it. Now
Mother tells me (Mrs. Harbington being an informant I think) that you
hope to go to England next spring, so I suppose we cannot expect to
see you? X X X

up here?

Your sincerely
John P. Perry

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