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My dear friend

I have been absent from home a great deal lately - I visited Phila - N Jersey & New York to obtain our farmer & have at last succeeded in getting a friend & his wife who will assume our purpose nicely, if they will accept it. It is Wm. A. Sampson of New England, who has had charge of Friends' store in Washington for the past - he is intelligent, industrious & reliable - a good christian & a valuable friend - a practical farmer with the power of talking & speaking - he says he cannot give us an answer until he has seen the place. I have advised him to go to High Point & see for himself & then talk to us. He will write there a day or two before he starts, & I will thank thee to explain every thing to him about the farm & our association with us.

We are very anxious to begin our operations but more unwilling to get the wrong man - we would rather lose a year than do so. We had 100 applications for the Friends' place before we heard of him -

I get tired of Indian Seed - the mission of his wife was another person's name & her name does not appear in the body of the deed it will