

Wilmington, D.C. Jan'y 5, 1891.

Dear Uncle Elias:-

There was no sale of land by Dr. B. Williams Comox today. He took the property in. Sale has been postponed to ^{the} Monday in March. Dr. Williams says he will write you in detail with reference to the matter.

P. C. Davis says, "I can't do anything" - Egerton Bros say for Spring Brehan that they will give you \$300 for the claim which is \$6⁰⁰ per acre for the land - Spring expected them to arrange it. I hired a buggy this evening, so as to be able to give a full synopsis of the facts, and went to see Cain Overy, but he was not at home. I left word for him to come to see me. If he fails to come to time I

will make him think I am
stirring for Embers.

Instruct and I will execute.

Yours sincerely
Wm Parker

I went to see "Grandy" last week
and he was never nicer to me and
my statement to him was not
pudrant by any means. It, so to
speak, placed his friendship through
the Crucible.

I shall try to wind up my affairs
here as speedily as possible and
I hope that my departure will be
more peaceful than has been
my abiding. Sorrows within
and afflictions without have
compassed me. Yet I should
not grieve for I have only
executed that which I asserted
I would go my full length for father.
It may not have been wise, but I
have that fanatical belief that a
departure from true conditions for
the sake of gain is not the
course for a son to a father.
Poverty is not desirable, but I
think striking & damnable.

With all of my other troubles, another
is added. Mattie is to marry a man
for whom I have no respect and
on account of disrespect from him to
father I will be compelled to ignore
him beyond a mere recognition. For
my part I don't care, but for my wife's
sake I am truly sorry. It does seem
that I am a man of sorrows and
acquainted with grief.

Now to business. What is the
probability of opening the house in N.Y.?
What will be the prospect of my
securing the place? Grandy says if
I return to Chatham he will protect
me whatever assistance he can.
I don't wish to seem impatient
but I am so situated that I must
go to work. I have wasted two
years and considerable money here.
Love to all

Yrs Sincerely
W. L. Parker