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Dear Robert,

My concern is relieved by having chatted with you earlier this evening. Again, Ann and I pray God's speed as you move inland. I hope you will be back on the Island and find this letter waiting for you within a short time. We shall be watching the reports from down there. I am surprised at how concerned I am about the area as well as the few individuals I actually know. It must be that I am becoming reattached to a homeland.

I have digitized your letter so I can access it quickly and also paste elements by subject into files. So I repeat some of your comments (*italics*) for my response.

When you were here did I show you "Old Auntie's Record", the Norton and Mosse Family Record as Preserved by Mrs. Martha Norton Buchner, Daughter of Robert Godfrey Norton, Sr.?

I don't recall, and I don't find reference to it in my notes of that conversation. You did kindly give me a color print of Dr. George Moose, which I value. You presented much a wealth of material to me that I fear I didn't absorb it all. I hope some time I will be able to study that student, because you are correct that I would find it interesting.

Isham Peebles (apparently a grandson of Isham Peebles/Peeples,

I gather that the name was earlier spelled with a b. Did that change with arrival in this country and was it intentional?

Likewise, Deo gratia, our material investments enabled us to establish the Robert & Cora Peeples Charitable Foundation last year to benefit

How very interesting. We had a denominational authority in our home just yesterday to discuss that very matter. Actually, he came to discuss that but my goal, which I made clear, was to pick his brain as how to use our current assets to get us through our expected life times without leaving to our children either debt to retire or wealth on which they could retire.

Now, if I may, a few questions to which I should appreciate your response at your convenience.

1. Was the Edward Peeples who was brother-in-law to Brisbane and to whom he said he sold his field slaves his former overseer? I either heard or read this somewhere, but haven't come upon it again.

* 2. I presume you have a relationship to that Peeples. If so, what is it?

3. Miss Cora, I believe it was, emended *Our Family Circle* to change "Anna (Lawton) Brisbane" to "Glorianna." I find that name used also by Georgia Lawton-Morgan in her 1929 story in the same volume. What is the source or the authority for this?

* 4. Do you have a date of death for Lawton-Morgan?

* 5. Do you have a date of death for Dr. James Stoney Lawton?

* 6. Lawton-Morgan says he mother told her that, in 1848, some "crackers" (which she identified as "the lower class") were on their way to tar and feather Brisbane. In his journal, Brisbane noted that Edward Peeples had been coming "to handle me." Did Lawton-Morgan intend to characterize Peeples as a "cracker"? He was also, after all, an uncle.

* 7. In your Hilton Head Island Tales, you refer to Brisbane as of an *aristocratic* family. So do several other sources. On what basis is this term used?

* The Wisconsin historical society put a University of Paris Ph.D. candidate in contact with me, because she is doing her dissertation on the anti-slavery sewing circle in Cincinnati and the people who influenced it. She says that Brisbane often spoke to them, although I don't recall reading that in his journals. He is only one of several men she is studying, but she seems to have the money to come to this country with some frequency for research. I have obtained a little material from her and continue to court her for anything I can get from her about him.

Well, Cousin, I hope this letter finds you and Miss Cora back home well and safe.

Love, joy, peace.

Wallace