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I have the honor to acknowledge  
the receipt of your letter of the 20th  
inst. in relation to the matter  
of the purchase of the land  
at the mouth of the river  
above mentioned. In answer  
to your letter of the 20th  
inst. I have to advise you  
that the land is not yet  
ready for sale, but will  
be ready in a few days.  
I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
Wm. G. ...