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Your friends, you know a lot of good fellows.

He then went on to say ^{of his own words} that he regretted the conversation with her father, what he meant about the property was this, that he did not mean it to be a speculation affair; that I would understand the wisdom of that, that it ~~was not~~ might serve to make an impression on visitors from abroad and elsewhere, and the thing he did was to make money when you can, that he did not know what times are ahead or what the need might be, ~~not for the purpose~~ so he cautioned about the banks. Not to have too much in the banks; he said you know what I mean - (I was not sure whether he meant 'hoarding', or not to have too much 'in evidence' - or a reference to the ^{front} National Bank Boston. He was advising the banks, however, to be looked into.) - the spirit of money-making that we used to carry on with. He went on to say "I wish you counsel" - and wait for the golden opportunity when it comes later advantage of it (he meant to let us see one of my affairs) he delighted to take a chance to dispose of the property of the late ^{cannot live of settlement} ~~cannot live there~~, you couldn't entertain the Prince of Wales down there, or the Duke of Devonshire, keep this place here it is isolated - there is plenty of sunshine, and it is very beautiful, anyone from anywhere would be delighted to come here - so when the golden opportunity comes cut out on settlement (a word to that effect) - get free from settlement to unload, (I think some other expression he was speaking rapidly, using before after before. I asked whether he meant to sell at once, or wait for better times. He said he was not to sell at any cost; but to await "the golden opportunity".) I explained that I had really purchased the land for an investment-purpose (I think ^{on investment} said that it did a woman know not to be used in - also that it was only a summer cottage - could not be used but for a short time). He went on to speak of disposing of the property - that what her father had done ^{said} he had said from his heart - as he went away father said "Good morning"