

has been bought by the Government and
now open for purchase at \$6 per acre. If such
is the case, would the Government sell ten
thousand acres of that land to me at - 50cts
per acre if I gave a guarantee that all of the
arable land would be plowed in the Spring
immediately succeeding the purchase & also
cropped it for two successive years. My argument
is, that it would be much better that the Gov^t
should sell the land in this way or the equivalent
viz:- to put an average balance of \$5.50cts on
every acre and so promote commerce, which is
very dull, in this district, rather than it
should be sold at \$6 per acre and so have it
held useless by speculators. If you are not
the proper person to whom ~~the~~ such a proposition
should be made, would you kindly forward it
to him, or if you can not do that, would you
send me the necessary directions in the matter.

I so oblige

yours faithfully

William Low Swan.

To

The Secretary
of the

Department of the Interior