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Pursuant to a decree of the County Court of Prince William County, the undersigned, will sell at public auction on the premises, on Friday, the 14th day of August next, the TRACT OF LAND, called "MILLPARK," situated in the county of Prince William on the road leading from Haymarket to Leesburg. The tract of land contains about five hundred acres and is located in a healthy and agreeable neighborhood. Further description is deemed unnecessary, as any person wishing to purchase would probably view the premises.

Terms of Sale, Cash enough to pay the expenses of sale and cost of suit; the residue of the purchase money to be secured by bonds with personal security, and a deed of trust on the land conditioned to pay the interest of the purchase money to the guardians of the infant children of James M. Tyler, deceased, during their minority, and their respective portions of the principal as they arrive at age.

John Chapman
Prince William County

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MILLPARK FOR SALE – The undersigned offers for sale his farm, situated in Prince William County, Va., about three miles from the Gainesville Station, on the Manassas Gap Railroad. The farm which is in a fine wheat growing region, contains SEVEN HUNDRED ACRES OF LAND; about 170 being wood land. There is also a full proportion of meadow land.

The improvements are a comfortable DWELLING HOUSE, containing eight rooms – kitchen, smoke house, ice house, negro houses, stables, &c. also a grist mill 40 by 75, with two pairs of BURRS in good order for manufacturing flour. This FARM situated as it is in one of the healthiest and most delightful sections of the State, offers extraordinary inducements to persons desiring to purchase. For further particulars apply to Mr. C. E. Tyler, Woodlawn VA, or to the undersigned.

G. G. Tyler
Prince William County

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VINYARDS IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VA. – To the Editor of the Alexandria Gazette: Noticing in your paper an account of some vineyards in Fauquier County. I think it may not be amiss to write a few words describing what is being done in Prince William County in that line of business. Leaving the cars at Gainesville, and taking the road for Haymarket, one may notice a large vineyard laid out by Capt. Herald, which I did not examine, but I hear that the vines are doing well. At Haymarket is the farm of the Messrs. Pratje, who intend, I believe, next spring, to lay out a considerable extent of ground in vines; they have only been in possession a short time, but already have made considerable improvements, having put up a large barn and a most commodious dwelling house, as well as having set out numerous fruit trees, etc.

About half a mile from Haymarket is Mr. Witticher's Farm, on which there is a most flourishing vineyard, extending to upwards of 10 acres, in its second year. If it had been desirable, one variety of the vines would have borne largely; but as it is not considered advantageous to allow them to bear to any extent at this early stage, the blossoms were not allowed to set. The few that were permitted to come to maturity were of fine size and favor. Next year there will no doubt be an abundant crop. Some two miles from there on, is Mr. Heineken's fine farm, MILLPARK, most picturesquely situated, with a fine house, barn, etc. conveniently placed on a small eminence, commanding some fine views of the neighboring county. Mr. Heineken has laid out two vineyards; one being in its third year, has borne most satisfactorily, Concords, Delaware's, and Hartford's being the principal varieties. The large vineyard, extending to ten acres, is in its second year, and in consequence was not allowed to bear many grapes. The growth of the vines was most luxuriant, fully demonstrating the fitness of the soil and climate for grape culture, and convincing even the most skeptical that there is almost absolute certainty of their doing remarkably well, and being a most profitable speculation. Those even who were loudest in their sneers at the absurdity of

attempting to grow grapes in this locality would now like to have a few vines for their own use at least. The large vineyards consist principally of Concords, Delaware's, Norton's Virginia and the Suez grapes, besides a few experimental varieties. – The Delaware is a particularly fine table grape, being of a fine color, and in handsome clusters, as well as of a most delicious flavor. The Concord, though essentially a wine grape, is when fully ripe, of a very pleasant flavor. During my visit, the business of wine making was proceeding most satisfactorily. Now, I do not believe it possible that Americans will sit down and allow this most profitable branch of husbandry to pass entirely into the hands of foreigners. It seems at present, however, that there is every prospect of such being the case. Wine making is no longer carried on by "rule of thumb," but it is a service which is daily becoming better understood. Let vine growing become general and American wines good and cheap; then, and only then, will the Americans be a truly temperate nation. Drunkenness seems to be at present far too common amongst the Anglo Saxon race. Let once cheap and good wines be easily procurable, they will soon push out all the vile spirits, and both they and their numerous seductive and deleterious compounds will become things of the past.

Yours truly
Jock Elliott