

Cooperstown, July 26th 1813
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I received your of the Inst. In due course. I shall suggest the propriety of dividing the town into allotments according to the farms now in actual possession valuing the no. according to the amount due. For example, say Daniel Barker's Lot No. 1 80 acres Value \$346.08. No. 2 Elias & Seth Alexander's Lot 320 Acres Value \$1128. This would make the value of each number different to be sure but it is impossible to divide the town without having reference to the mortgages or farms now sold. In one case one of the partners might draw a 110 acre Lot, partly covered by two mortgages and two other mortgages drawn another partner cover the remainder some of the mortgages or lots which I consider as one thing would be say \$500 and others probably \$5000. But as the land is all good and of equal value I for one am willing to run my chance for drawing large and small Lots or mortgages. I would allot every farm in the first place, as covered by the mortgage calling it in value the amount due.

I would then divide the unsettled land into 100 acre Lots, number each, then ascertain the portion due each Partner out of the whole. And draw until their portion is out. Then the one who first draws his amount stops. The others continue until they in the same way, each draw their share.

Loyd S. Daubeny & yourselves are with us the only partners in the Mill Seat, Village and reservations. Of course this is a separate division from the whole town.

We can send the papers from this place to De Kalb. If necessary we will endeavor to send with the papers a suitable person to attend to the business.

Mr. Pomeroy and myself have promised the settlers that we would visit them but have postponed our jaunt on this account. Therefore the sooner this division takes place the better for their benefit. We shall now give up our contemplated visit until after this arrangement.

My Father exchanged 350 acres of land in De Kalb for 175 acres in this county. This 175 acres can be divided into two Nos. and included in the other Nos. or call the 350 acres in DeKalb as one No. and consider the same as drawn by us. And we will take the 175 acres here.

We have received from time to time more or less money on the tract and have also charges of traveling expenses, taxes paid etc..

To Messr. John Murray & Sons
(From Isaac Cooper)