

New York April 18, 1815

Dear Sir (Isaac Cooper),

Mr. John Fine is the bearer of this to facilitate his presence at De Kalb, I took upon myself to request Mr. T. L. Ogden to prepare the Power of A.T. as well for us, as your family. So that his stay at Cooperstown would be only a night we have paid him our respective quarters salary & he carries with him a memorandum of its preparation as also the charge of eight dollars - for the two powers - which charge Mr. Fine paid and will receive from you that which appears due.

Impressed as I am of his talent, correct principles and amiable manners, I hesitate not to say before the expiration of a year you and your family will think of him as I do. We have not given him any written instructions, but our conversations & opinions to him went only to his unremitting attention and all his faculties towards the advancement of De Kalb. And we think it best, that as he is the general agent that no preference ever should take place. Nor even should he say to any applicant that that lot belongs to A or B, but make your election of the farms & the price is so and so as it may be.

We also thought that as we never had received any money from De Kalb that he was not any account either to value on any of us for mill, hotel, school house or anything, but what was essentially necessary the inhabitants should do is pay for and if the mills could not be rented for money then for lumber - in fact, that we would advance no money it must come directly or indirectly from the township of De Kalb.

I wish you would purchase the farm you took a memo'd of your bond payable in 3 to 5 years will be satisfactory. If you wish to make an offer to give or take I will bargain for your brother's share in the G. W. T. Pike, it must be take or give so much for each share.

With much regard,

Dear Sir

YHSvt.

Fred. DePeyster