

Copy of letter from Judge Smith recd Jany 12

Woodbury, Dec 25, 1815

Sir (Isaac Cooper),

I lately received a letter from Sheldon Minor informing me that you object to the appraisers making known their estimate of my Lands in De Kalb until they know the estimate of the Cooper's lands in this town. He has not informed me the reasons for your making this delay, but I suppose it is because they cannot know precisely how much to estimate without such information & this was a reason in my own mind but I found that the appraisers elected to estimate the lands in this town could not attend to the business immediately & by delay it would become so late in the season that the lands in that town could not be examined til Spring & I felt unwilling to have so long a delay in closing the business. And besides I could see no necessary connection between the appraisal of the lands in this town & in that as both could be estimated according to the current price of land in the town where they are situated. And I suppose, having the appraisal of the lots before me which I pointed out that I could make out a deed for as much as would balance the lands here, in conformity with my contract to the entire satisfaction of Mr. Cooper.

The lands in this quarter have now been estimated and amount to \$3109.29 I will therefore thank you to get those lands estimated as soon as the season will permit & send me a statement with a description of the lands which I must deed to Mr. Cooper in order to fulfill my contract. I will thank you to attend to the business as soon as possible as I wish not to have it remain unsettled longer than is necessary. In making out the \$3109.29 it will not be best to divide one acre of my land but make the acres win in that way which will come nearest the sum & the balance I will settle with your agent here either by his paying me or I him as the case may be.

I am Sir Yours with respect,
N. Smith

Copy from John Fine

You will recognize the propriety of delaying the estimate of the lands here, till we receive that of the Connecticut lands. The was examined some time since by Farr, Burnham & Goff & I will get Farr & Burnham to meet & make up their minds as to its value. As soon as done I will inform you.

Yours etc.
John Fine