

New York, 13 March, 1815
Sir (Isaac Cooper),

Your letter to our Mr. Ogden was duly received and we are glad to find the mistake relative to the gospel and school lot is in so fair a way to be rectified. Mr. Henry Albert from Skinners Patent was here a few days ago. He represented the situation of the settlers there as very unpleasant, and that there was no possible chance of them paying up their arrearages. After much conversation upon the subject we in part assented to the following terms: The settlers are to start anew, and the land is to be valued at \$5. They are to pay one dollar per acre adv. And the remaining four is to be on a perpetual lease. They paying the interest annually, and have the power of reducing the land by paying up the principal.

Please to give us your opinion on the above terms. We are apprehensive we cannot do better with them.

The Proprietors of De Kalb have had a meeting. Your brother does not appear to be much acquainted with the affairs relative to that town, and the proprietors are very desirous that you should be here. We wish you could come down if only for a few days. As person intimated to us a few days ago that he would like to lay out some money in lands and wishes to know whether it was probable that the Heirs of Judge Cooper would sell out their right in De Kalb. Do you suppose that the heirs would sell out, and at what rate per acre.

We shall be glad to hear from you as early as possible as we promised to write to mr. Albert soon relative to the lands in Skinner's Patent. We remain with perfect respect & Esteem.

Sir

Your most humble Servant,
John Murray & Sons