

De Kalb,

January 13, 1811

Dear Sir (Richard Cooper),

I commenced a suit last fall against P. Hepburn and expected to have obtained a judgment at the term last week. But in my absence to Connecticut, from whence I only returned last night. I found that Ogden who had charge of the suit was dead, and on that account the cause was not tried. As yet I have not collected one dollar for you. Money is scarce beyond all conception. Our taxes in this county are extremely high this year. I have just called on the collector, and find the heirs of Wm Cooper Esq's Tax is a little missing of Seventy five dollars. As I have not been able to collect any money and money and as I am entirely out of funds myself I have informed the collector I would write to you immediately. There are several persons going to Otsego by whom I presume you can remit the money in ?January?. If I had the money or could get it here I would pay it myself.

Yours Sincerely,  
Th. B. Benedict

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