

Williamstown, November 30, 1803

Worthy Friend,

By the hand of Mr. Cook I send you short statement of your business as it stands at present. Mr. Woodhouse has given up the work for the present and says he cannot do any more until the spring opens. The sawyers has finished the sawing of the plank as Mr. Westcott described.

Mr. Stockwell and his man Park (Peck?) is the only persons that are at this time in your employ. Mr. Stockwell continues with as much spirits and ardor as usual and says he will complete the canal by the middle of January next. I have purchased all the powder that I could get in Canada for him except I sent to Montreal. He at present is just out of powder and my brother thinks it best to send to Utica for powder. Which he will do in a few days so that the works be continued and completed by next spring, so the Mill may be ready to run by the time the Spring floods are abated.

Pray sir be so kind as to inform me by letter or some other regular conveyance whether those goods are sent on to Utica and what Regulations you have made respecting their getting on here. Also the quantity of goods which you have purchased or whether you think best for me to send through teams after them.

I have purchased very considerable quantities of furs since your leaving this place and have every prospect of purchasing more when those goods are on hand. The want of powder and lead is great amongst the Indians. Which I could get my own bi'll? For.

No more at present but all is well in this place. I remain your obliged friend.
Alexander McCollom