

Woodbury, August 12, 1804

Dear Sir (Wm. Cooper)

I had the pleasure to receive a line from you some time since & was happy to hear that the important business of manufacturing female children succeeded so well in Williamstown. This affords a sure indication that the wilderness will bud & blossom like a rose. I anticipate the pleasure of seeing you in that country this Fall & for that purpose I shall leave here about the first of October unless I hear something farther from you. If you are not likely to be at Williamstown on or about the tenth of October next I will thank you to inform me immediately, and I will vary the time of my departure accordingly.

I am sir yours with the highest sentiments of respect.

Nathaniel Smith

NB If you will mention a time when you will meet me at any place you shall name, whether at Albany or anywhere on the Mohawk River. I will endeavor to be at the place you shall name punctually, in order to have the pleasure of your company through the woods.

N. Smith