

Williamstown, August 15, 1805

Dear Sir, (Wm. Cooper)

I have to inform you that the Gristmill is now ready to run. The sawmill Jackson has entirely new rigged & it is doing well. The chain & chuck have arrived. The machine for drawing up logs operates well. The barns are to be raised this day. Nothing is as yet done to the frame of the Hotel. Haskins has done his work on the wall of the cellar. It is however very rough work. Harris has been here a long time making brick but has done very little work. Lee has made sixty thousand brick & will burn them next week. He is very anxious to have you come on so as to settle with him. He appears to be a very candid man & has worked well. I think business here wants you at the helm sir. If you can make it convenient, I think you would find your Aus(care?) in coming into this quarter as soon as ten or twelve days. Carver and Holt are burning their limekiln. They have also got out about fourteen thousand shingles. They are very asserving men. The following is the amount of Stephen Titus bill with A. McCollom & also with T B Benedict & co. which he the said Titus has credited on the articles of agreement between him the said Titus and yourself.

T B bal.	3	2	10
A. McC	0	10	
Total	3	12	10

The above is debited to your acct. as paid to Titus. I have one or two good customers from Canton.

From Dear Sir your affectionate friend & very humble servant,  
Thomas B. Benedict