

De Kalb, July 18th 1806

My Dear Sir,

Yours by Burroughs were duly received together with the oxen. I have not wrote to Mssr. K & N Ranson ear? for goods, not having an opportunity until this time to send out. Bigelow probably by this time is on his way, therefore shall not get any goods until Fall. My sales this summer as yet are near nothing.

Whitmarsh has finished the chimneys he has lathed the lower part of the house and is lathing the Ballroom. He will however be obliged to quit the house entirely in two or three days for want of joiner work. Not a floor is laid, not a stroke of your work is done to the upper stories. Campbell worked a few days and after you left us , he then went to finish the Doctor's Office.

Then doctor would not release him any longer.

Woodhouse is at work at Mr. Stacy's house; He cannot be got Whitmarsh says it will ruin his summer's work if he cannot go on and there is not a possibility of his proceeding without the floors and the other work is first done. Your Brother has provided sufficient stuff I believe. Campbell says he will work at the Hotel when he has completed the doctor's office, but cannot before. There is help to be got (by the day) but I dare not hire without your orders.

I am willing to do anything for you I possibly can. Whitmarsh wishes to know whether he must lose his summer's work or not. A few days work would put the Hotel in a situation that he could lath it. The Cooks have got in their logs. I reserved a cash of lath nails for you but the house will take so many that I fear I have not (together with the cask reserved) got nearly enough.

I have not been able to get any person to work the mine yet. The small pox folks are doing well. I sincerely wish you would write immediately as convenient and direct me how to proceed with the hotel for Whitmarsh is so cross that I cannot live many days if he scolds me much more.

I have not yet heard from Messr. ar & Forsythe. I have written Mr Smith that you will meet him here about the last of September.

With Intentions of Perfect Esteem
I remain your humble servant
Th. B. Benidict

Hon. William Cooper Esq.