

De Kalb, March 18th 1807

My Dear Sir,

Your letter to Mr. Cleghorn enrolling the draft was duly recd. and your request answered and obeyed. Holt has been unfortunate since you was here in loosing his best mare but he does not get discouraged and goes forward with persevering faithfulness.

He has just returned from Plattsburgh, and has brot back the draft, which he presented to Nichols, who refused to pay Holt,altho he informed Holt the money was ready for you. Holt says that Nichols treated your character with very liberal reproaches. Said you had done the business incorrectly in giving an order on the back of the draft and finally declared he would not pay it without further orders from you, and all this Holt and others suppose he did merely for a pretext to keep and use the money himself. Holt is suffering for the money.

A day or two after you went from this place, a man from German Flatts whose name is Nathan Wightman, came here and claimed the barrel of white Clover seed which you got from Ford last Summer. He brot the rect. from King for the seed described the barrel and gave such an account with respect to the seed as left no doubt on my mind of his being the owner of it. He left the seed three years since with Ford for Alexander McCollom to take and sell for him at z/ # he was to allow McCollum 5 lbs commission. McColl marked his name on the barrel, but never took it from Ford's. I told him I could do nothing about it as I supposed the seed belonged to you and as it was left with me to sell should keep it and would give you information with respect to his claim. He says he cannot afford it short of 3p/ # and what I sold for you I sold at 2p/. We are all well. Solomon Rich has lost his wife.

Yours Sincerely,  
Th B. Benedict

Hon. William Cooper