

De Kalb July 18th, 1808

Sir,

You will recollect that I spoke to you for some boards and you said that you had given orders to your brother to let anyone have boards that would build on the township and take obligation running to you. He positively declares that you have not given him any such orders and will not let any go with out an order from you or the Capt.. I have not the cash to pay at present. I am very much in want of a few thousand feet to cover me a house with as I must build this season. I have burnt a kiln of lime and not a board to cover it except to pay the cash. Next week I am going at brick making and I shall want some for that.

I wish you would be so good as to write to your brother to let me have some boards or send me an order the next mail. I expect to have a house up the last of next month. Your lime is ready. Your mason may come as soon as you please to find him.

I'm yours with affection.

Solomon Rich

Letter mailed July 21, 1808