

De Kalb July 19th 1808

My Dear Sir,

Yours by the hand of Mr Parshall I have duly received, and I spent the whole day yesterday in looking land with him. He says the Patent more than answers his expectations, but I find he is somewhat fearful of our stones. The Brown or Bell tract between the village and Beaver Creek we went over pretty thoroughly and it appears to ? his family more than any other piece of land. Indeed he is excessively pleased with it. He says the lands fully answer your description.

Burnham and Dewey are acquainted with him and are very anxious you should persuade him to come on. I have written you twice since you left here, to inform you, that the wind had blown down the frame on the bank of the river, and that Clark had paid the note you left with me. The Fisk's are going to rebuild the house. The timber being small it is very badly split and broken by the fall.

I do not like to send the money, which Clark paid me, by the bearer, he being a stranger and the money being in silver, and I have not any bills by me. Please devise some means to get it safe. If I have an opportunity to send it which I know to be safe, I shall ? up, and I am getting a fine parcel to send off. We are all well, and things go on finely. Mrs. Cleghorn and Jane reciprocate your sentiments of affection.

Yours in great haste  
Sincerely,  
Th. B. Benedict

Hon. Wm. Cooper Esq.