

George Scriba Esq. New Sept 20 1897

Dear Sir

I recd your favor of the 13th July also 7th Aug^t and likewise 16th Aug^t and have delayed answering them on out of a report that you was on your way to this country

I feel very unhappy in perusing your letter relation to Mrs Scriba — particularly in the present situation as you present here might be of essentially for your interest

M^r W. L. I have not heard of since he left Niagara on his way to Michillimackinac — M^r Haskell is in the western country. I have heard of him at Port

Stamwice — he is a Clergyman if it is the same —

M^r Hull I hear nothing of — Mason is about

going on the Road and is making preparations for the

same — The other spot 7 miles from Rotterdam

I have found no one as yet that will take it

The Whitestown speculators still show their intention and do nothing with their land this year except two who are about moving on immediately — the others have let all their wheat wait on the ground without Harvesting —

My opinion is to deal very strict with those persons who have intentions of speculation & for this you are the person who will best know their intention and can best determine it — it is my belief (and I have told them so) that they have done more injury to the settlement of the 20th town than all the ~~value~~ of their letters — that is to your interest, & for my part when one of them speaks to me on the Subject

Subject I tell them I think you would do them good
justice were you to sell all their Lotts at 2d/- for ever
to any persons that would settle immediately

I have been very unfortunate in the Mill - and
instead of having the mill good and the pitch of water good
it is done very bad and I am now at them for damage
etc - which as John Hall Esq is worth the money I
must and will not be put off in this manner - Mr
Hall has come forward and offers to rebuild it or any
thing that is right - but I insist on his rebuilding
and paying me damage for the disappointment of the
Bord which I very much wanted - I shall write you
the result of this business -

The wharf stands very well as yet and I
hope it will -

Mr Harfield has moved his family here
and intends being a Citizen of Mexico -

I am about building a Mill on Noy and
shall have it going by the first December

I have been very unfortunate in losing my
assistant here - a very steady clever young fellow
who had been with me all the season - was lately
taken sick and died - I am at present intirely alone
and have more than I can turn my hand too -

I am but a boy in this business and I find
that I make many mistakes in carrying on from business
here - still I have the first principle at heart - that
is to do my endeavor to see your interest good - but
as I said before I make many mistakes - and I get
very often imposed upon in contracts which I make for
different jobs - all which hurts my feeling very much

Relation to Land here — The Sandy Creek Town
called Ellisburgh is selling for 26/- per acre and the
land at Smith's Farm on Constable, are selling at 28/-
also the Land about Salmon River which is owned by Mr.
Constable are to be sold no higher than 24/- — all this makes
the town here very dull and keeps the settlement back very
much — as all persons apply where they can get it cheapest

I am as yet sanguine in my Idea of Mexico and
the longer I stay the more sure it appears to me that
this place if encouragement is given in the first begin-
=ing — will become a place of a good deal of Business

However as Oswego appears to be calculated by the
present waters to be the principal place and but few
people can see the advantageous Situation here — there
needs every encouragement to begin it and then there is
no doubt of its being a place of Business — the greatest
on this part of the Lake

I shall inform you shortly of my doing relation
to the Mill &c — which occupies my whole attention
at present

I am Dear Sir your sincere Friend

and very Humble servant
Benjamin Wright

NB in regard to the Field Books of Nov 3 & 8 which
you ought have had some time ago — I must confess
that I have not been able to write them making
entirely alone & have more than I can possibly
attend to otherwise —