

Portland, January 11, 1853,

Mr. Sooyin,

Sir,

I have received your favor, enclosing \$2.00, and forward you a bill Receipted, - with thanks for your kind expressions and wishes in reference to my labors. They are made the more arduous by the incessant attempts to get up an opposition. God has sustained me through many hard conflicts, and I hope I shall not be so faithless as to distrust him for future help.

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On another matter I will say a word. We are still dependent, for the mortal body, on the meat which perishes. Can you supply me, this year, with a hog weighing about 300 lbs, small-boned, and fed on wholesome diet, and get it to me without feering it? Please inform me, that if you fail, I may look elsewhere.

Yours truly,

Asa Cummings