

Winthrop Dec. 2<sup>d</sup> 1837

Col. Sprague. Dear Sir,

Yours is just rec<sup>d</sup>.  
I had previously written a letter to you stating  
the reason why I have not been out to see you  
and also giving you directions about your witnesses.

I designed to go to Grune yesterday - had made  
my arrangements, and was called upon to attend to some  
business that could not be postponed, and was obliged  
to defer it, for I did not get through till almost night.  
To day being our Justice Court day I could not leave.

You are right in relation to the testimony in your  
defense. You must be prepared to prove that you have  
complied with the conditions of your Bond to Quin-  
by. That comprises the whole, for if you have done as  
you agreed, that is all that Law or Equity requires.

I cannot say what day the trial will come on.  
I understand that Quinby is going down the first day  
of the Court to see when it will be likely to come on, and  
I think you had better be there too, and I will  
confer with you more fully - No one can tell much  
about the time when the trial will come on till the call of  
the docket next Tuesday - You need not take any witnesses with  
you

Yours truly  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Benson