

Waltham October 6. 1842

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Dear Sir

We sent a few weeks since 41 bales sheetings to New York to give us funds to buy cotton in that market for our winter use as very little new crop gets into Boston at the time we wish to purchase and it is usually higher in the latter market than at any time in the year. Our sheetings are sold & we are permitted to draw on our agent at sight. It has occurred to us however that it would not be morally right to use these funds while your debt remains unpaid, although Little Esq of N. has intimated to us heretofore that it <sup>might</sup> remain - <sup>which is the reason it has not before been paid</sup> We ask your permission to use the funds for purchasing cotton. If you want your pay we are willing to fore-  
~~go our advantages~~ which we think we should have in your market. Wish you to be frank & state your wishes. We feel under great obligation to you & should cheerfully acquiesce in your decision. If however you should be prevented by willing to postpone payment of your notes. please