

Foxcroft October 9-1838.

— John Matthews Esq:—

Sir,

It is necessary something should be done soon for the safe keeping of the Records of the County. Mr Lake was of the opinion, when here last, that it would be the better course to erect a small building of Bricks, large enough for two offices, the cost of which would not exceed three times the cost of an Iron safe, which would be equally secure & much better adapted for County purposes. The Bricks can be had within three miles of this place. What think you of this matter? I wish to see you at your earliest convenience upon the subject. Mr Lake had not time to attend to it when here & is now on a journey West. If any thing is to be done this fall it must be commenced soon.

The ^{surplus} money for the inhabitants of Bowerbank is in the hand of the Commissioners of Penobscot. The money can be had upon our receipt. I wish to confer with you upon this business also.

Very respectfully yours

— James S. Holmes.