

Kineo Oct 2, 1857

Captn Jonathan Matthew

Dear Sir,
you wrote me that ^{you} did not expect
that I should call on you for
the amount that Roberts owed me
if you did not call on me for
what I owed you, I have ever
been ready to pay you and am
now ready and I knew nothing
about Roberts going to California
But you knew very well that
I depended on you for the pay
for I told you I should ~~not~~
it was your duty under these
circumstances to look him up
I have waited now over two years,
and I am poor and really needs of
the pay (if you can let me have a
creature for Beef or a heifer or cow
that will have a calf next Spring I
will take it out if you will
write me what you can do for me
by return mail you will much
oblige your friend
N. G. C. Swinney