

Arson Sept 27, 1844,

Jona. Matthews Esq Dr Sir:

Yours of the 18th came to hand this day on my return from the Woods. - You say you think you can get it hulled for 18/ per M & that it will cost 20 to 25 cts to drive it to the outlet of the Lake &c -

I know very well that men are apt to ask great prices, which when labor & supplies were high would have been reasonable - but when we take into consideration the reduction of the measure of all kinds of property, and of labor and supplies in particular, we at once see that timber can be hulled for about 33¹/₃ per M than it once could, - and yet hulled as high as ever -

There is unquestionably timber enough on that tract for three teams - mostly small timber - but as the bottom is smooth timber sound - and but a short distance to hall I see nothing to hinder their putting in 300 thousand to a team if they are there in good season and well maned and supplied -

Now I will give \$300 per M for hulling, and driving that timber to the outlet of the Lake - and pay when the lumber is sold and pay seed - Survey to be straight and sound, and logs to be taken to the outlet at the risk of the haller &c -