

Swirfield March 17th 1898.

Capt Mathews Dear Sir I this day received yours of the 14 you wrote me that you wished me send the direct amount of the time I work on the River and that you would hand it on to the Co. I wish you would for I am in want of the money and it in as soon as convenient so that I can get my money and I will be much obliged to you

you wrote me that you thought there was a chance to get the money that Baker not if there is a ~~chance~~ I will send the note to you you collect it and send me half of it I have let wheat go to pay a poor man that work on the dam and there are a dumber me with no money due them for work done on the and I expected the money on the note and have promised to pay them some and have promised not to let the note go until I get the money But I will let you have it if you will send me half of it I shall rely on your word what ever you agree to do write me what you can do and if you get the money so as to send ~~me~~ half of it I will send the note to you write me upon the subject as soon as you get this if you please

Yours with Respect
James S. Dims