

Fairfield April 12<sup>th</sup> 1849

Friend Matthews

Dear Sir Your letter I have just Received  
On looking over your survey Bills & the expence of our logging  
business I feel well satisfied with our operation last winter,  
In fact friend Matthews if I had not <sup>had</sup> full confidence  
in your Judgement I should not have engaged in it.  
You recollect that we looked over it & it looked like  
a hard chance to me but knowing that you knew  
the whole story about the timber I concluded to put  
on teams & the result of our winters work shows that  
you was correct in your Judgement

Since our return home we have had offers for  
our logs we can sell at \$9.25 <sup>cts</sup> per thousand at the  
outlet of the lake & if it was not so hard times we  
could get more. unless money matters are easier soon  
I presume we shall have to sell on a long credit  
but we will endeavour to remember you.

I arrived home the next tuesday after  
leaving you & travelled on foot the whole distance  
and stood it first rate & found my Family well  
Our teams got home on friday following in good  
shape. Mr Emery & family is well & sends his  
best respects to you. Hoping that these lines will  
find you well & family

I remain your Friend  
Joseph Burgess Jr