

Monroe Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 1855

Dear Brother

Yours of Dec<sup>r</sup> 7/55 was duly received (I think you made a mistake, think it must have been written Jan<sup>y</sup> 7/55) —

I have delayed answering until now, as I have not seen Mr Thurlough until today — he has been gone from home part of the time, and part of the time sick at home —

I read to him, the contents of your letter, as far as he was concerned, and he replied, that he is not under any engagements, and should like to work for you, but does not think it economy to begin, until about April, on account of cold weather — Further, he would want about the month of May, to attend to his farm —

It is Jonathan Grant that has worked with him, and he (Thurlough) thinks, that there is no doubt but you can get him, or I can speak to him for you, if you want —

Thurlough will probably write you in a few days himself —

Yours &c &c

Timothy Mayo

Mr Gideon Mayo