

St Louis operations at least  
\$1500, I have just heard from  
Dakota City where my labors  
are, The place is improving,  
R. Road within 30 running,  
graded within one mile.

There is some what excitement  
in lands and real estate, I hope  
it will continue to improve  
in size Rail Roads + Farming.

I should like to shake  
you by the hand take a glass  
of old apple and eat one of  
your dinners Our best regards  
to yourself Lady + little boys

Your Friends  
F. W. Moore

[Tarboro, Edgecombe, North Carolina]

St Louis Mo  
Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 1867

Mr Elias Carr

Esteemed Friend

Your very welcome

letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> inst is before me and  
I assure you it gives me pleasure  
to read a letter from a highly valued  
friend as that of yourself. I am  
sorry to hear that the farmers and  
Merchants were in such straightened  
circumstances and am sorry to see  
that your crop came in so short.  
You however can make money  
farming when others as a general  
thing cant pay expenses at the  
business. Your superior lands and  
other facilities + advantages over the  
great bulk of Farmers is it self  
a small fortune. Money is awfully  
tight out here and good paper



cant get money for less than  $1\frac{1}{2}\%$   
per month.

I am loosing in my Business and  
shall sell out as soon as a purchaser  
can be found. My health is very  
poor I have at least lost 15<sup>lb</sup>  
and still running off like a  
leaky vessel gradually failing  
in health. My wife a Son is not  
much better than myself. my  
wife stands the climate the best  
of the three. It is a snow a sleet  
at all the time. The boys skate  
on the side walks on the ice  
it is very dangerous to walk to  
walk which accounts in part  
for the dull times and the  
scarcity of money fixes it up  
fully. I could not live here  
if I wished to. after being out all  
day. lie down to sleep at night  
in the morning cough and spit  
and the discharge from the lungs

as black as Tar.

I know you have done all that  
man could do to collect money  
for me for which I am very thank-  
ful. but as I shall have to stay  
here until about the last of  
February and need money to  
live on and get back to my  
old loved State. Please try and  
the balance of Dr Lawrence note  
and if possible Browns & Harpers  
and send me the proceeds or  
a part as you can get it.

If C. J. Moore can satisfy  
you that he has paid Dr Clements  
of Baltimore some \$245. you can  
pay him over the Browns & Harpers  
Notes or the money if paid and  
enough of Lawrence money when  
paid to pay him my rent &  
note of \$198. Get me if possible  
\$100 to \$125 more and send as soon  
as you can. I shall loose in