



"Ruston Place"

1st March 1875.

Sr. Elias.

When I left your house, I thought I would get some money from you to assist my friend Wm. G. Davis, in the west, he had made no arrangement to meet the pressing demands upon him at Court. Through Mr. Parker he had fixed up things - and I write this, to thank you, for your kind proposal to lend me the money, and further to say, that I shall not need it.

I went up to Court last Tuesday, business and bad weather kept me there until Friday. I staid two nights with our friend Mr. Parker. Your name was often mentioned, and many allusions to my pleasant visit, which I would gladly make annually. Though the weather was extreme, was amply compensated for my trip.

I reached home Monday, found all well, and Baker had done quite as much work as I expected. He is industrious, and seems to take a lively interest in every thing connected with the farm - shall in future only require his attention morning and night feeding my stock, the remainder of his time he will devote to his studies. Farmers complain much of being behind with their work, and certainly it appears to me, after seeing what the people in your country are doing, they have done nothing. On many farms scarcely any sign of work to be seen - and as I told you, our people are growing poorer every year, and don't know ^{that} they deserve any better fate; a man that don't work, and economize these times he will surely lose what he has and many of our people do neither -

Remember me most affectionately to Call, would send some message to Temple, but suppose she is in Battleboro by this time. With best wishes for your continued health and happiness I remain as ever your affectionate uncle, J. Buxton Williams