

[Elias Carr Jr., Old Sparta, N.C.]

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Dear Elias:

I recd. a letter from John this morning in which he mentions a difficulty between him & you, in the course of which you called him a S- liar, or rather that you were the first to use the term, & that he later reciprocated. An every-day, ordinary man's impulse, under these circumstances, would have been to pick up something & try to brain you, but John is certainly to be commended for his self restraint,

for a fight would have been
not only disgraceful in the
extreme, but probably disas-
trous & fatal & certainly
demoralizing to the discipline
of the entire house. However,
great the provocation you
should have had better con-
trol over yourself, Had
John exhibited the temper
which such language is
supposed to justify you & he
would have turned the house
into a perfect Bedlam, I
am not discussing the mer-
its of the case at all, May
be you had, what you
thought, provocation, but had
John acted as an ordinary
man, the consequences
would have been such that

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in your sober moments you
would have heartily repented,
Possibly you thought, & I so
wrote John, that the retention
of labor was more necessary
than the paying of his bills,
& that to refuse Isdani's re-
quest for an advance be-
cause of his indebtedness to
John, would not be doing
all in your power to humor
& retain labor which now
is of such vital import-
ance to the farmer, I ap-
prehend that this is the
trouble, but even so, it was
no excuse for a course

which could have led to such disastrous results, I believe you will do what you can to keep John collect his bills from the hands on the place, but when a case like the above does occur, ask John to write me the particulars, & I will settle with him in whole or in part, I trust that the work on the books is being checked up & that your calculations are all rechecked, especially those relating to time charges, credits, picking, money paid out etc, for no doubt, you have, like every one else, seen the necessity for it. Yours recd, this am. & carefully noted, Am sorry to

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hear of the breakdowns, surely
the machine can not be a
good one, Write when you
can, & try to work as ami-
cably as possible with the
conditions at home,

If my Car-r-onet will be
of any service to you I
will send it out by ex-
press.

Affly,

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