

R. L. HUMBER'S MACHINE WORKS.

DEALER IN AND REPAIRER OF

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— Cotton Gins, Harvesting Machinery. —

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Messrs Elias Carr & Son
Old Sparta, N. C.

Gentlemen: Your letter received, and will say in reply, quoting from your letter of July 18, as follows: "I have an 8 horse engine and wish the cylinder bored and rings made for same. If we take the cylinder off and bring to your shop what will you charge us etc."

You stated in the above that you would take the cylinder off, which means detaching the cylinder from the frame, and upon that statement I gave you prices as best I could. When the work reached the shop I found that the cylinder could not be taken off as you had stated, so you see that you are the one who failed to give a

correct statement of the work.

Had the cylinder been detachable as you stated, it would not have been necessary to have done this work, but as it was not, it was necessary, and was not a part of the job as you first stated it, and neither was it necessary for you to authorize me to do this work, as it was impossible for the engine to work without it being done, - as the old work had to be cut out, to bore the cylinder.

It seems to me that the above explanation is clear enough for any one to understand why the work was done, and I can not see how you can object to paying for that part of the work. I hope this will be satisfactory and you will send balance due without further writing.

Let me know at once what you are going to do.

Respectfully,
R. L. Kumber

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