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New York May 17th 1866

Dear Nat.

Your of 15th came to hand today. I think of leaving here to-morrow so as to spend Saturday in Baltimore, take the boat from there Saturday evening and stop in Norfolk, or somewhere Sunday.

I did think of leaving here to night, but have concluded to stop one day longer, and go over to

Brooklyn to-morrow, and see a mill over there that is using one of those self setters, you spoke about. I have been to the office and seen one and it appears to work well, ask \$300 for the req and patent right to use

I have not invested, or bought any
think yet for the mill and do not
know as I shall till I get to Baltimore
and then will buy what is needed
and also your nails &c. as I think
I can do as well perhaps there as here
and save freight.

I did want to get through
so as to be in Annapolis Sunday, but
think I might as well stop and see
the mill in Brooklyn and perhaps
learn something, as I have got
it all to learn, and also see
about a lawyer.

I sent my chest as freight
and it will perhaps be there by
the time I am, shall bring a few
files with me.

Tell Ann that the new
bounty is coming along with my
things and its a stunner.

It takes me some time to get
around here, I have been over and

seen Mrs Perkins this afternoon and
took tea, ^{or dinner with her} and ~~this~~ evening and last
Evening and afternoon was up with
Geot Wright, and I find it takes up
my time, shall try and get out there
with \$950. in my pocket, and shall
be careful as possible.

I may perhaps buy some things
here to-morrow, will see about it, think
I will try some of the lumber yards, and
see what I can do. We can sell Southern
pine plank and timber this fall and
Summer and for some time to come, I think
without much trouble, as the down east
Ship builders want it, as near as I can
find out, we will see what we can do.

I think there is a chance to make some
thing if we can get started right, and
am going to try and learn as fast as I can,
and will do all that I can.

I read your first letter here of Mr Perkins
the same morning that I got here.

Hoping to be along in

a few days I will not
write any more to night.

Yours truly

Geo. B. Foster.

Think I will go to the theatre or
museum to night.