

"Buxton Place"

Dear Elias

31st Jan'y 1867.

Yours of 18th Inst. enclosing draft on Messrs Parker & Watson for \$137 ⁵⁰/₁₀₀. D^{oll} to pay off the "Haskins note" was received here, while I was absent on a visit with Temple to Portsmouth V^t. which must be my apology for not acknowledging it sooner - I will see Mr. Russell (Ag^t for Mr. Haskins) at Fily Court - fourth Monday in Feb. and take up the note -

You regret you cannot give me as much information about Futeleys as you wished, but since that date I've rec^d "Supplement to Southerner" giving me the very experiments of Messrs Mercer & others, which are quite satisfactory - My friends Parker & Watson are Agents for the Patapsco Guano Co. made from the Islands of "Kavassa" very highly recommended by the Smiths of Scotland Neck, & the Bridges' & others, of your county. My present impression is, that I shall use the Pacific & the Patapsco Guano, with very little of any other kind - What will the Pacific cost me at Warrenton N.C. Please see Mr. Norflet & let me know - I have secured as many Hares as I wanted without any trouble, in fact, could with but little exertion, have secured any number - Shall work 35. or 40 Hares upon the same terms I did last year - on shares - The cold weather before X^{mas} caught me with about 10,000^{lbs} Cottas unpecked, which of course, is now in the piles - I have ginned about 30 Bales - though have only packed 20. shall make between 75. & 90. Bales - Nothing of interest in the neighborhood - Ell has so many kind people in this neighborhood, suppose they keep her, will posit as to local matters - Jane Alston & Maria Davis are to be married 7th Prox; - Remember me very affectionately to Ell & the children & believe me as ever yr affectionate Uncle.

J. Buxton Williams