

Jan'y 8th / 894.

Dear Governor,

Your letter dated the 20th of December last, was received. Today, the delay was caused by the letter being mailed to Cook instead of Arcola, as there is very little communication from there to this place. The gold mine, belongs to my wife, she as well as I have regretted our inability to pay your note, and would be glad of any interest, that you might take in assisting us, to sell the mine, that we might be able to pay the note, and would be certain to do so, out of the first money received, from any party, that you send, to whom we may sell the mine. Your letter reminded me of a remark, that I made to several persons, when you were a candidate for Governor, that I hoped for your sake, and my own good too, that you might be elected, that it would put you in a situation, to help me

all the gold mine & that if you had an
opportunity, you would be sure, to help me
to sell it. Maria joins me in kind regards
to you & your wife.

Yours Truly
Edw^d Alton