

Cummins now from you, to settle with you, therefore he claimed the expenses of his journey. I objected to his account, and after considerable discussion a lawyer sent me a note this morning on his behalf - The following items I held under consideration till I hear from you

To boarding 3 hands (employed in the corn harvest & on the place) $4\frac{2}{3}$ months at \$6 per month each	\$ 30.
To boarding 5 hands (over) 4 months at \$6	120.
To do 3 children at \$3	96.
To 2 carts and oxen hauling corn & wood 2 months in 1829 at \$10 per mo	40.
To 1 cart & oxen in 1830 or 2 months in winter	20
	\$ 306
Credit 57 bu corn used by the people at 30	17.10
	\$ 288 90

He pretends you gave him no directions about maintaining the people, but told him after the sale not to run up any more accounts at Smyrna - in consequence he supplied them from his own meat, and afterwards bought for them himself, except some old bacon sent by Mr Cummins - complains they used the mill of his corn, that his wife had to cook for them or to superintend it in her kitchen - they used all his vegetables &c &c - and that he can not tell how much of the meat they bought they consumed, as it was not separate from what his family used.

I insisted that he ought to have bought meat for them separately as formerly, and that I understood he was so directed by you - He replied directions to do so did not reach him until the middle of February - In short I refused to settle with him until I should hear from you whether you did give him order at the sale to supply the people - and if not, whether the charge of \$6 per month is reasonable.

It appears to me unreasonable to allow \$10 per month for the carts and oxen when the cattle were fed on our provender - I want your opinion on this charge.

I have paid him, for hire of the 3 hands, his salary, for his allowance of provisions &c, the balance of his former acct, for the seed wheat & putting it in on the small farm, and for measuring the corn sold to Mr Cummins, in all \$173.47; besides which I gave him \$7.75 to pay Dolly's and the Turners' bills - He is further to be allowed for two weeks boarding a woman and a child or two, at his present farm.

He brings forward two more serious charges - His original written agreement with Mr Silghman was for £60 in the first year and \$200 in the succeeding years. I always understood that Mr Silghman had changed his intention