

Cedar Mills  
Grainger Co.  
Tenn.

Decr. 12/57. -

John Tilghman Esq.

Dear Sir,

Yours of Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> is to hand. Mr. Dea is at Goliad Texas on Engineering business. He writes me that he will probably go to Te-  
huantapac before his return, which will not be until the Spring. -

I wish I could give you some hope of a speedy settlement of his affairs. All I can say is, that a stern sense of duty to his creditors has alone induced this banishment from his family. And that he is making an effort to obtain employment ~~in~~ a more lucrative field than E. Tenn. -

As a measure of economy,  
I am with my children