

and patience, for of this latter I have very little left - How
does Ford come on with your fees, is he done them, and what
do they amount to - Tell Mr. E. J. that I shall be able to furnish
him with a Geologist report, there being several hundred extra copies
ordered - I will take occasion to see Mr. Waters on the subject you
requested - Tell Mr. Harrison I have called to see Mrs. Williams
since I returned to this place, but she says, she is not ^{prepared} ~~able~~ to pay
him his fee - W. Herrick Chairman of the Committee on ways
and means has reported a bill, the title of which is ^{an act} to ~~open~~ the
abuse of ardent spirits - it prevents the issuing of license to fee
negroes - persons applying for license, to file with the clerk a recom-
mendation of 20 reputable persons residing in the immediate vicinity -
and to enter into recog. with two good securities for good behaviour and
keeping orderly house - prevents the recovery for the price of liquor sold
in less quantities than one gallon - This bill has not been acted on -

Give my respects to your family and to all such as see
proper to enquire after me - and accept for yourself the continued
assurance of my regard & Friendship

John Palmer