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Dr. James Hall

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Dear Sir

I believe Burnettizing goes on at Lowell yet, and is esteemed good for timber to be used as posts for fences, or inserted into the ground for other purposes. I do not recollect the cost, and find no letter on my files stating it. Probably you could learn at Washington, what McLain paid for it about June, 1856.

It seems to me that the easiest and cheapest way for you would be, to do the Burnettizing yourself. Put your four pieces of wood into a trough, fasten them down so that they will not float, and pour in a solution of ~~chloride~~ chloride of zinc, enough to cover them, and when they are soaked through, it is done.

At Lowell, they put the timber into an air-tight hollow cylinder, exhaust the air with an air pump, and then let in the solution, which is forced at once into the pores of the wood, from which the air has been exhausted. The only advantage is, that it is done quicker. I should think, however, that you would do it nearly as quick as you would get it done at Lowell and sent to Balti

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