

Wrightsville Nov 15. 1815

Dear Sir/ The First load of Plaster your  
Coloured man came for he proposed taking  $1\frac{1}{2}$  tons  
and as the plaster was all weighed off in tons  
I told him to take one ton and part of another  
and leave the residue of the second ton, which  
with the addition of another whole ton would  
make him a Second load — but on examination  
I find that he had taken but a small part of  
the second ton and consequently could not have  
had near a ton and a half — which caused a  
misunderstanding — The second waggon took  
one ton as it was weighed out of the Ark, which  
I am convinced was full short, but little which  
may be lost in the carriage, The third waggon  
that came took one ton and part of another  
unweighed, Now if you possibly could get that  
load weighed I shall not trouble you again, and  
I'll pay One Dollar towards the trouble of weighing  
— The bearer of these few lines loaded  $3\frac{1}{4}$   
of a ton, I have my scales fixed now and shall  
weigh all I send you here after  
of your friend &c  
Wm Birnie  
Jacob Thies