

Dear Sir,

York 16th June 1816

I wrote the Inclosed on Friday & intended sending it by post but being much hurried it was not sent till too late for the post - I however found next day that Neighbour Willis was going down in a day or two & will send this by him - Supposing that a few Acres of your ground could not be better laid out that in raising Chestnut Timber, I therefore took the opportunity of enquiring at Friend Cox (who has been over here, & who I know tried it) how he proceeded, he says in the Month of October he gave the ground a coarse ploughing & sowed the Chestnuts (with a few Walnuts) broad Cast & then harrowed it, in Spring they came up in abundance particularly the Chestnut & he says had he been living on the land till now he could have got good rails from it - but in a year or two after, the place was sold to a Dutchman who tore it up with the plow - Mr Cox said the Chestnuts came up full thicker than he wanted but he could have thinned them according to his wish, the Walnuts he sowed on Account of the fruit - Let me know how you get on with the Road & inform me what price you will give for breaking as the two Men are to call when I come to have an answer, they say after breaking 20 Acres they are then to be paid for it as they do it, of course with this lying back there is no great danger of any loss to the employer than their misconduct - The Order for Porter continues to pour in & we are of course kept busy sending it out - With kind Love to all friends

I remain

We got only one Shamrock
Newspaper since I saw you
I doubt they take too much
Brandy -

Dear Sir

Yours very Sincerely

J^{no} Thomson