Frederick 26 March 1847

Dear Sir,

I rec.d your esteemed Letter agreeable to your desire make enquiry respecting the Tax, it amounts to $55.42 last year — I could have paid it any Week previous to this for some Time past, but this morning I paid $135 for 120 lbs Barley, & some Money I sent down to buy Hops has exhausted my Funds, however my Stock is completed for the Season & I shall not have much more to lay out — The Season I believe has been very unfavorable to the brewing Business almost every where this Winter, owing to the great Quantity of Cider made & the severity of the Season, a number of my Customers here who were willing to sale could not, it froze in their Cellars as fast as they got it; & since the frost

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