Gettysburg 14th Dec. 1823

My dear Sir

Mr Oldroyd left three pieces of Cloth with a large piece of Blanketing here last week, also a sack of Apples many of which are rotten, Matilda spread them on the floor instead of putting them in a Bag if you send an Empty Flour Barrel for them I think it will be the best way of getting them home. I would have written on this last respecting Williams for Thomas Sutherlands

I send along Letter from my friend Counsellor Birnie last week respecting your Claim on Andrews Estate, which in my mind I think perfectly Just. I have written along Letter to Mr Baker on the subject pointing out to him the Injustice it would be not to admit your Claim, nor is it in any Means power to do so

Mr Chas Bernie
near Fanny Town
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Gettysburg Pa.
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Mr Chas Bernie
Washington City
Joshua Peirce

Linnaean Hill near Washington Decr 15th 1823

Dear Sir

Your letter of last spring containing an account of the disappointments and delay in the transportation of the Quicks, &c. reached me in due time, it was my intention to have answered according to request before now, but it was mislaid, and even now I am forced to answer it from memory, if I rightly recollect you wanted my opinion as to the propriety of planting of hedges on a dice bank, this is rarely practiced in this county, owing to the dryness of our climate, and the great heat of our summers, however it may succeed in England and Ireland I am confident it is not proper here, the American hedging thorn though not a native of the swamp or marsh, is however generally found in river bottoms and in rich loamy soils, and allways thrives best in such, it will be well to make experiments for your own satisfaction, but it is in my opinion best all-ways best to follow the general rule, untill we are convinced of a better, and not hazard too much to chance --- If I had your letter I would with pleasure answer all your enquiries ---

I regret that you was so disappointed in getting on your quicks but you may rest assured it was not my fault, I should in such a case have after forwarded them in my own cart to prevent delays - but if you are not successfull in planting, I will send next fall 2000 seedling quicks, as a present, and I think you will find them much better than the two year old plants, I have none of that description now on hand but shall raise largely next year ---

I received the 20 dols as directed of Mr Thompson, and am now under the necessity of soliciting the remaining ten, I have put up an expensive building this summer that has nearly exausted all my funds, and compells me to attempt the collection of all out standing accounts, your forwarding the balance, will at this time be a great favour --

I am yours
with much respect
Joshua Peirce

Mr Chas Bernie