Dear Sir, Avondale Feb. 28. 1839

Sam Thompson requested me to write you a few lines in order to let you know that he had finished all the work specified in his contract with you. He says he would be glad to see you as soon as you can make it convenient. My best respects to all the members of your family — Belive me to be respectfully yours

J Wm Bibbey

Chetworthy Birnie Esq:
Thorn Dale
near Taneytown.

February 7th 1839

Mr. Birnie sir you sent your men Mr. Johnson and seen a load carefully measured and if there is any mistake in measurement it must be in heaping of your half bushel we certainly know that time and cord will not hold out measure by hauling it this distance and remeasuring but not to that extent this load I have carefully measured myself and onto measuring in your half bushel you get twenty to one if you are not satisfied with this measure in this load I would rather you would not take any more

I have hauled 17 cords of your wood

I Remain your Friend
Jacob Beaver.

Frd. March 11th 1839.

Dear Sir,

I have delayed perhaps too long in answering your letter. But I had to take some time to consider whether I could comply with your request.

I find I cannot. My engagements are such as will render it impracticable. My school or Department in the Academy requires my special attention at this time. I expect to receive some boarders just about the time you mention & could not conveniently be from home then. I hope at some future time it may be more convenient. Please give my kind regards to Miss Margaret & my thanks for her answer to my letter.

Very sincerely & respectfully yours
Joseph Smith.

Mr Birnie

Frederick March 1839
Mr. Smith

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