prospect recovery from the Rheumatick Complaint —

I want very much to vaccinate some of my people, Can Mr. Horsey put me in a way to obtain the genuine matter?

We had a fine moderate rain last Saturday such as we had been praying for — our Garden & Fields begin to recover from the effects of the long Cold & dry weather, but lo! there came yesterday still colder Winds & last Night a severe frost which I fear has ~~blighted~~ blasted our prospect of fruit, rain & all ~~else~~ it appears the very population will perish — provisions are & will be so scarce especially, if our Clover is much injured by the frost — many of my neighbours have been without Wheat Straw even for sometime — their Stock is turned into the Woods — the Scarcity & Suffering in the lower Counties are said to be deplorable — I thank kind providence for still having Straw, blades, & some Corn Tops, & more than three Stacks of good Hay on hand — my Growing Crop of Clover would be good if we had warm Weather — remember me kindly to Mr. Horsey — my love to the Children, tell Mary Ellen she must come in the fall to see her Dad, land & Eat fruit —

yr. affectionate Father

Thos. S. Lee

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