

Dear Cousin
 Frederickburgh Meinet January 2nd 1788

I am able at last, blessed be God: ~~at~~ once more to hold
 A pen: Baker was with me to Day & will deliver you this, he says tomorrow.
 he has been twice to see you to settle about Browns Note: he came to me some
 time ago, & wanted me to settle with him but I Referred him to you: however, as he
 could not see you, I sent for him: to come to me: & told him: I would take & Money
 for the Note, & the Interest: if he would give me A bond of twenty pounds to pay for
 your Demands: but he Refused: so I send him once more to you: & since he is so much
 afraid he will be hurt: Do you Deal with him accordingly: I wrote you in my letter I
 sent you: before I hurt my Arm: that I had of Jacob Brook: by Abraham Nixon: of Bushels
 of Rape: for which I was to give him what the Price was in January: it was then 25s: but I
 am willing to allow him 25 for Bushels: I had also 7 Bushels, I gave Timothy Ryan an Order
 for on the same Condition: which makes in all £3. 16: his Jacob Brooks Rent is £2. 7
 for Year: so there was due to me the 1st Day of January 1787 besides the Rape 25 which added as above
 makes £2. 18. Due for Rent: I think the Note was £18. 18 at 7 1/2 Cents for two years, makes all
 £22: 12: 5: taking in 9 for the Interest of the 15th Decemr January 1787: & since he is so very much
 afraid of me: that I will wrong him: Don't let him wrong me: I tell him he must give
 you for me: for taking him in Browns Room: & that if he don't settle with you, you
 will put him: to more than that in Coats: I would Rather Deal with five other men, than
 one Quaker: they are so Obstinat: I wish to hear from you what you have done in Regard of
 Jonathan Bayles affair: is he taken, or Not: my Arm is still very lame, I am forced to
 write on A Book: & often to lay down my Pen: I wish to know what you have done about that
 lease, I put into your hands: Gilbert Bayley has A Lease: of One hundred & thirty Acres
 of A: Abel Nicols has possession of 40 Acres: the Rest is in the possession of Peter
 Ferris: hired out at present: to Stephen Williams: Gilbert Bayleys Rent is £10. 10. 0
 to know what you have done about the place leased to Ebenezer Purdy: sold first without
 my consent, to Jeremiah Warren: by him, without leave to Debbod Williams by William
 to Crofts man: I wish much to see you: I must try to get up to Longneepine
 this week, if possible: as I want to see your father: if I Return, hope you
 will come & see me after Court: I will send you A small note, I got
 man to write for me to you by Peter: when he went before: I am afraid you could
 not Read it: I write badly, but I hope you can find A out: the farm Crofts man
 is in possession of has been set on fire: & Above A hundred pound Damage
 done to the timber besides 20 families, get their from A: I shall go to your father
 & try to get something done: perhaps I may meet you at Longneepine: if I can
 Return here: I shall stay Near Mr Barnard, in Beckmans Meinet: where I hope
 to see you: I inclose you A bond against Ebenezer Purdy: wish to get John
 Strong to take it: & give me Credit on my Note: I let him: send me over
 by you how much more I am in his Debt: which I wish got out: if John Strong
 wont take it: take out A writt for Purdy: & Collect the money for me: Do pray
 inclose me the Money, Baker pays you: as I want it to send to New York: I
 would come & see you, but I fear at present to do it: of which I will let you know
 when I see you: Do write very particularly make Baker settle all off: I believe
 he is honest: but an Obstinat fool: my Arm aches: I must finish yours
 Affectionately

Browns Note £18. 18. 0
 Interest for 2 years at 7 1/2 " 6. 10
 Rent due 2 " 6. 10
 Interest on 25 for one year 2. 18. 0
 Due to me £24. 10. 5

The little note Strong Stephen DeLaney
 has in hand the Rest of the
 Large Note

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