



#658 Broadway, New York, June 10th.1896.

Mr. E. Jewell,
Red Hook, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

I have received your bill dated May 26th., as follows,-

"For Painting Natural Wood Buck Board, \$10.00
"Cartage.- - - - - .50 - - - - - \$10.50."

The Buck Board has arrived, and Mrs. Redfield is very much annoyed to find that you have covered the natural wood with a coat of paint, which she would not have had done under any circumstances, and it must now be scraped off.

On investigation of the matter, I am informed that you were asked to make an estimate for cleaning and varnishing the Buck Board, and also were asked the cost of new Wheels.

I am also informed that instead of making such an estimate, you came to Massena without permission from any one, and took the Buck Board to Red Hook, and have disfigured it in the manner described.

A carriage maker at Stamford estimates that it will cost \$20. to remove the paint and restore the Buck Board to its original (natural wood) condition. This price would include varnishing.

I presume you will agree that Mrs. Redfield ought not to be at any expense in this matter, and that you should pay the \$20.00 required by the Stamford man to put the Buck Board in as good condition as when you took it, without leave and without orders.

I should like to hear from you as to this extra expense (\$20.) now required to put the wagon in same condition as when you took it.

Of course the bill which you have presented cannot be considered for a moment.

If I am misinformed, and you were authorised, by any one, to even take the Buck Board away from the coach house at Massena, I

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trust you will kindly give me the name, with full particulars.

Our coachman, William McKee, says that no permission was given by him for you to remove the wagon from Massena, and he knows of no one else who could have given such permission.

Awaiting your reply in the stamped envelope herewith, I am

Yours very respectfully,

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Enclosure.

Geo. A. Seely