

Clayton July 3rd 1871

Joel Palmer Esq Dear Sir

Agreeable to promise I send you
the accts of John Thomas Gallaway and
of John E. Marshall I wish you would
get just what you can out of them
and get their notes if possible, tell
them I will be obliged to sue on
them in case they don't settle in
order to keep them from being our
lawers - write me if there is any
justice Court there so the expense
of suing would not be too great
I think it likely you can get
their notes and probably they
will propose to settle at a discount
Do the best you can for me
in the matter and should you
settle with them you can Receipt
their accounts in full. The bills

are correct but should they dispute
any part of them throw off in order
to effect a settlement. Barker is
here but is doing nothing so far
with the mill - business is not
very good and should the hot
weather continue I am afraid
of Short Crops - nothing unusual
has taken place lately, and
this 4th of July has passed off
very dull nothing of importance
going on any place

All are well in Town
as far as I know. Do the
best you can with those parties
and write me what they say
and where the Justice office
is and if we cant settle with
them I will leave you to hand
it to the Justice as the accounts
will soon be out lawed -

Yours in haste
O. Brown.

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