

Dan River March 10th 1869.

Dr Geo. G. Binns

Dear Sir

Some week or so ago, I stepped at your landing one morning, some of your hirlings desired to purchase some white cloth I had on board, and expressed a desire to pay me in corn. I purchased one barrel of corn from Granville paying him cash for same (This is all I got of him) Jack got indebted to me $\$2^00$ + pro. Regg $\$4^65$ which amounts they agreed to pay me in corn on my return. When it returned they both brought down to me a Turn of Tobacco twice up in a blanket saying they had no coin, & that I might take the Tobacco, to sell & pay myself out of proceeds. John took down 98 pounds + Jack 45 pounds. I will certify to this exact amount which is all I got from your hirlings, or your landing. I did not once think I were buying from dishonest persons, or I assure you I would have been as far from buying it or receiving it on board as any man. The Tobacco was very common, I picked out the worst of it, that being 70 pounds & sold it for $\$5^52$ per hundred, the other 73 pounds I mixed in with some I got from Griffin + old Bobs boys, it being 210 pounds, & sold for $\$6^25$ I am truly yours

That any thing of the kind should have occurred
I am willing to abide by whatever is your decision
about it, and I hope you will be as reasonable
with me as possible.

I would be glad to work out whatever you see fit
to charge me by way of hauling whatever you wished
hauled, If not I would be obliged if you would wait
on me a few weeks, until I can partly recover
from my misfortune in buying Tobacco.

If you cannot do so, I will give you an order on
my Brother at Danville payable at sight.

If Jack or John has any thing, could I not make
up my debt, or would you be willing to take it from
them, in payment for your Tobacco.

I shall never again buy any thing from a negro unless
he shall have an order from his master.

What I have said are truths, expressed by an
unfortunate who has been sadly deceived.

I would be glad to see you, if you can spare the
time to come down, or please inform me what
I shall do & greatly oblige.

Yours very obedt.
Humble Servant
Ed. B. B. B.
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Robert Roper

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