

North Amherst Mass  
Aug 25. 1873-

Hon A. W. Younger  
Dear Sir

It has occurred to me since showing your letter to Mr Neal, which I had an opportunity of doing after mailing my reply to you yesterday; that it may be well for me in plain, round terms, to deny as plainly and distinctly as possible the charges you made against me, although I have not the smallest idea that you believe them yourself.

I will also add that in the disposal of Mr Neal's property, I acted in simple obedience to his instructions and that I received his full authority for every thing I did and I am

not aware that I am in any way  
accountable to any person but him  
for the discharge of my trust (if trust  
it was)

A portion of the goods were sold to  
Mr. Jarrell and between him and myself  
no money passed - This transaction  
had not only Mr. Neal's sanction, but  
was suggested by him - The  
remainders were held over until the  
arrival of the new principal and  
were amply sufficient to cover Mr.  
Gulbourn's claim; but Mr. Deming  
declined to take more than a few  
articles required for his personal use  
as he said he did not intend to take  
orders - The rest of the things  
remain on the premises now for  
any thing I know to the contrary -  
I was in no condition at the time  
I left, to attend to the matter minutely  
There is no disposition on the  
part of either Mr. Neal or myself

to evade any liability we may  
have in the matter but there is  
a very great objection on my part  
to the malicious misstatements  
of your letter received yesterday  
Faithfully,  
W. L. Rodgers.