

Oxford 17th Aug. 1862

My Dear Sir

The papers of yourself & son
were duly per. & contents noted.

I sincerely desire to accommodate
-date you in the matter of powder
required for your batt operations,
but I am so very scarce of this ar-
-ticle & have such constant calls
for it from every part of the state,
that I fear it will be impossible
for me to accommodate you. Al-
-though to the public & Country gen-
-ally it would render as great a bene-
-fit as it does in battle, as those who
see it in that way, must have the
material to cure the provisions they
eat. I will however examine
some of the boxes, as I have some
of them have been somewhat dan-
-aged, but they may still answer

very well for that purpose, if so, will
send you box by Mr. Fitzgerald.

I regretted exceedingly not seeing
you when at your hospitable "Island
House" as I desired conferring with you
on other points besides the salt. In
this latter matter, in a pecuniary
point, I think you are losing a big
fortune. I never saw an opportu-
nity for so rapidly making money
in my life, I was astonished at
the resources for doing so, & to see
the great ~~caution~~ exercised by its
proprietor at the same time. If there
was danger of a large accumula-
tion being left on hand or pro-
ceeding to ~~be~~ it would be difficult,
but all that can be done to day can
be sold tomorrow, & as the bar would
be employed by the day or at a far
-ther by the month, hands would
be discharged at any moment they
would not be required.

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I think when you make one dollar, you ought to make twenty, without difficulty, but I have come to the conclusion that Judge Arroy was not an avaricious man, that he was certain of sure & small profits, ^{& satisfied,} but when he can be as certain with big profits, why not be so? Your location with 12 months run, ought to give you a million of dollars, should your rock salt hold out & the supply of water continues as I suppose. Excuse me for so freely meddling with the affairs of others. As the matter of sending for my supplies I have the promise of a lot the boat shop without fail to be able to get it there.

Best regards to your family & say to your son I hope he will take this in answer to yours his at
Judge Arroy
Yours very truly
Thos. O. Moore