

Woburn March 5th 1802

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The words in the advertizement are "Undivided in Flintstown proprietors accountable 192 lots. — How 192 lots can be said to be undivided is a solecism to me, however be that as it may, I must request your attention to the thing, & if there is no way of getting at the proportions which I ought to pay of that sum (you having a list of my lots) without their being sold you will please to attend the sale & bid off the whole together there will undoutedly be a number of other persons that are interested in the said 192 lots who will attend the sale, with them you can make such agreement as may suit the convenience of all concerned, taking no undue advantage of them nor suffer them to take any advantage of us. — I suppose my proportion of the \$54.65 would be about 17 or 18 dollars if the lands at and above the great falls which was granted to me by the proprietors of Flintstown are included in the tax, pray find out & take care of the whole. In another the same advertizement is mentioned in another place. "Flintstown Proprietors undivided \$5.23 M^r Potter when he was at Boston this winter engaged to pay & settle that part of the tax, as I then understood it. Pray be so good as to see that the whole which related to me & the proprietors is settled I enclose twenty five dollars which I send by the Hon^{ble} Simon Fry Esq^r for the purpose of pay^g Taxes &c please to keep exact accounts and take proper receipts for all monies paid. — If you think of any difficulty in effecting this business pray write me immediately that I may provide for it in season. — your letter of the 5 Jan^y last says 191 lots but the Advertizemnt says 192. — M^r Gardiner who sent you money to pay his tax has waited on M^r Jackson the Supervisor but can obtain no specific redress. It appears there are essential errors in that district but what remedy we can have I know not, if there is no other way you must pay the whole and if you want more money I will endeavour to pay it to your order on sight, however I hope you will not be driven to this extremity.

I expect that you would have sent up the evidence of the order of notice having been duly published &c respecting incorporating the Town with instructions &c but have received nothing about it as yet, I hear that you have written to M^r Fitch, but know nothing of the contents. I have also heard that it is proposed by some to call this name Fitchtown after the name of the Fitches. I wish you would give me some explanation on this head. —

Would a turnpike road in any part of Flintstown be of any consequence to the Public? I wish also to be informed whether you have made preparations for settling our old accounts & whether [crossed out] new arrangements could not be made that would result in something advantageous to both parties. — I am with much respect your friend & very Humble serv^t

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