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Coll. 15 Box 1/1)

Date: Nov. 2, 1835

Description: Letter from Benjamin Mathes, Jr. to Samuel L. Lewis about lumbering in the Machias area for the Boston and Eastern Mill and Land Co.

Machias Novr 2nd 1835

Dear Sir

We are having fine weather here and have had we have not lost one hour on act of the weather for 5 weeks past & have got our Mills & houses so forward as to be out of danger as to weather I let out one job on the Mill, at three thousand dollars one third of which has become due & I have not funds to pay it they owe it to their laborers & it makes it bad for all concerned & we are owing our other labourers & our bills for labour run fast? & unlefs we can pay them some soon it will make it dificult to ceep? our works along I have paid out nor paid out any that I cold posibly avoid but it is expensive building so much as we are we are not building any more houses than we can posibly avoid but so many mills as we are getting up will take another spring from 150 to 200 men in all to work them & we must have houses for them or it will be impofsible for us to git along most or all of those houses will be paid for all the bills on them but thy are built by such men as we must have & must assist them in building

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that carried our lumber to New York has returned
but has not yet got up but I understand sold our
joice at about \$14 & has corn 200 bushels & 50 bushels of
flour for us both of which articles we have been out of for
2 weeks owing to the long trip that the vessell has made
we have just loaded another for N York & have thought
best for her to take corn & flour for her freight cargo
we shall be short of supplies for our logging expedition
Dear, shall I hear from you soon I have not been advised
by you or either of the owners since I was at Boston,
I have inclosed a bill for Iron & C which we want as soon
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