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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.

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that carried our lumber to New York has returned  
but has not yet got up but I understand that our  
price at about \$14 & has corn 200 bushels & 50 Brl 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 paid another for N York & I have thought  
best for her to take corn & flour for her ~~freight~~ cargo  
we shall be short of supplies for our logging expedition  
I fear, shall I hear from you you shall not be 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  
as we can have it sent

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M<sup>r</sup> Samuel L Lewis Benja Mathes Jr.

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