



Machias April 12 1836

S L Lewis Esq
Boston

Dear Sir

I have shipped two cargoes of Lumber to New York to Frederick A Burrell and have wrote him to remit the proceeds to your order you will please draw on him for the avails; I am loading one more for the same market why I send to him in preference to any other, he has most of the Lumber from those two rivers consigned to him and he is said to be a man of prosperity. I will however send it to any other merchant you may think best. I sent him one small cargo last year + I thought he did better with it than one sent to Capt Isaac F Snow. Our Teams have all done very well considering the Snow has been very deep they have been out about three weeks. I have sent three good crews of our river drivers after the Logs and have sent the best men after those Logs cut on 42 that ever went after Logs. James Knight at the head of them the man that explored for us with my son. The Weather holds cold and keeps the Logs back our pond has but just opened and we have started our first saws + if you will give me the Rail Road you shall have a cargo of Lumber every day after we get our other saws going, our Loggers all say

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Description: Letter from Benjamin Mathes, Jr. to Samuel S. Lewis about lumber shipments.

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times the Logs cut on lots on 24 that I expected to find when
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my fears that the Logs from 42 will not come as the stream
is not cleared as I told you & I shall be at a loss to know
whether to depend on those bay logs or let the mills some part
of them. I hope Col Whitney will be here soon enough to advise
with me on that subject. I should myself prefer letting
some of the mills to buying Logs only it makes it difficult
separating other Logs or ours coming to the boom as those of
other lots will come mostly in a body & either theirs or ours
will trouble us in separating them to saw. I hope you have
got Stock up something above par at this time there is but one
opinion about our Timber Lands while I was at Bangor several
men who explore 41 & 42 stated publicly that they had never seen
so good Timber Tracts any where in Maine and as to water power
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Yours
Benj^r. Mathes Jr.

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