

Merrimack May 5th 1812

Honorable Edward Winslow Esquire

Sir

Possibly my letter of the 29th March has not come to your hand as yet as having missed the opportunity in the last of March last. I have been two different times up the south west branch since the opening of the river, among those people that work on the reserve, and find that Thomas Dunphy that contracted only for 1000 Lums white & 300 Lums red pine, with James Fraser &c and had a permit for no more, has cut and hauled out this winter about 300 Lums of red & white pine, and maintains that he will give no more to the contract than he agreed for except at his own price, though all cut upon the reserve, John Arbo has cut and Manufactured about 200 Lums of red pine or more and all lies now at his own house and all cut on the reserve and ungranted lands and without any contract for government or permit, Joseph Arbo & Nathaniel Underhill also live on the reserve and work along with those parties that have permits to cut timber on the reservation, and I am convinced that they carry great part of it to other Merchants in spite of all my endeavours. Charles Eyer & brothers contracted for 1000 Lums white pine, and has cut 400 on half of which lies in the woods and the other half (600 Sticks) is brought down the river but is not delivered as yet. Number of the others will not fulfill their contracts on account of their not having hay to haul their timber out of the woods, I have counted and Market those people's timber that I am suspicious of, but they will deceive me do my best as not having it in my power of making them prove where ^{was cut} the timber I find traced. I have made enquiry how far up the forks of Hudson river lies from its entrance and understands it is about twenty miles and the Indians say there is considerable of pine timber there, but will be attended with difficulty bringing it down owing to the narrowness of the river and the short turnings but wherever there is good timber there will be ways and means found of bringing it to market, The upper boundary of reserve do I imagine will reach to the forks of Hudson river, but the distance

At John Henderson
May 20. 1812

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