

New York May 29<sup>th</sup> 1853

R. P. Hunt Esq.

Dear Sir

We duly received your  
favor of the 27<sup>th</sup> and regretted exceedingly  
to learn of the disasters to your property by  
the Tornado. We had already heard of the  
destruction to our mutual friends Wynders' house.  
It is certainly fearful to think of the power  
of the elements in motion - We suppose this  
must add very much to your cares this sum-  
mer. We see by your letter that the Cotton  
Company is arranged and agreeably to Mr.  
Sweet's order we bought yesterday 34 bales of  
Cotton (of rather better quality than the last  
previous purchase) at  $11\frac{1}{2}$  cents. There have been  
heavy speculations the past week and prices  
have gone up full a  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent per lb. The  
supply in Europe seems to be less than was  
supposed. We are glad to learn that Mr.



Pattinson and yourself are trustees, and it is the fact of your connection with the matter that draws us into it - The mere having the selling of the goods alone would not induce us to be interested - The writer has a very good impression of Mr. Lured from his interview with him here last winter -

We should not be inclined to go much above our previous amount, but must increase it say to \$3000 adding \$500 to the amount now in our hand - This is provided there is no liability beyond our subscription and the Company will increase the machinery to 100 horses and preparation sufficient for the same with change of boilers so that goods may be made as favorably as at other Steam Mills - We think this is decidedly for the interests of every body holding stock in the Mill -

The writer goes to Boston tomorrow for a few days as he has not been there for more than six months - He will then ascertain about the right man to go up to Watubow to consult with you as to the alterations and

additions - Will you write to him should you wish in regard to the same, and if you decide to have him send a man if the right one can be found he can arrange it - You will understand it is not to send a man to make the improvements but to suggest them and consult with you about them - It might be that he would be the man to superintend them should you wish - Practical and sound knowledge is wanted in such a case and don't believe theories only - We want to start right and get credit and money -

We have sold all the goods up to 336 the last received - You say 12 bales sent on the 24<sup>th</sup> by Boat and the last - Please give us an Invoice - We will give you our sales as soon as this Invoice is received and then the business can be settled without a days delay -

Hoping you may be favored in the winter to make your repairs upon the Farm and soon see yourself to rights again, We remain  
very truly Yours

Henry Patterson Secy





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