

Copies
Mr Nath Brown
de Sir

It turns out that James Reid had understood that he had engaged my Land for another year, and has been accordingly at work upon it, and it would seem too that you were cognisant to that Fact, altho you did not admit that to me when I asked you. I am sorry for this, as it leads to a serious misunderstanding, which I was anxious to avoid. Mr Reid says he did not get the message sent him through Mr John Brown about two weeks ago - had he got it he would have been here before you and secured the written authority from you. He says further that being under the impression that I did not object to his retaining the possession for another year, he has got a good deal of wood cut down & started for which he is willing to pay me, and which does not belong to you, as your agreement compels you to Timber, now gnawing on the Land, consequently what is shown before you have no claim to. It appears therefore to me that you would better, to avoid a quarrel, give me back the agreement, and let Reid take your place - but if you decline doing this I must forbid you offer any ^{obstruction} or opposition to Reid in taking away the Wood he has already cut down, as it will never do to have any quarreling about such a trifle, in this case you will give me some idea of the quantity

and, having of what he talks, I shall expect to see
you or hear from you soon, as to what you
have concluded to do — your note will of
course be given back to you on your re-
linquishing the agreement.

Yours very truly
Jas Dawson

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