

Mills Building
15 Broad St
5th floor
room 4.

New York May 3 1888

Benjamin Gates

Dear Sir

Mr. Carone desires to see
you at this office soon as you
can make it convenient on im-
-portant A. R. matters. please send
telegram when you will come

Yours Truly
W. J. Cannon

New York May 27 89

W. Gates Esq
Mt Lebanon NY

Yours of Apr. 27th recd. in due time,
and read.

The defeat of the Housatonic Rail
road is beneficial to us, and
you shall hear from me further
on the subject soon.

Yours Truly
Edw. Carrawe
by W. J. Carman

St. Louis Mo
Jan. 25 1889
Benjamin Gato Esq
Dear Sir

We hope
that you have not
abandoned the
project of building
the Milwaukee and
Peoria Rail Road
I write you in re-
gard to it at the
request of several prom-
inent gentlemen on
the line of the road
to assure you that
along the line the
people are very
anxious that the
road should be

built and that
they will aid lib-
erally, in furnishing
means to do so.

And that if you
should run your
road to East Side
of the City of Phil-
del. and establish
your depot on that
side, that you ^{would} get
liberal help from
that part of the
City.

Please reply and
oblige

Very truly yours

Martin Field
New Bedford
Mrs. Coburn

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BELDEN & McTIGHE.

Cable Address:

"CLEAVAGE, N. Y."

B. Gates
Mount Lebanon
Columbia County }
New York }

52 Broadway,

New York, May 25th 1888

My Dear Gates.

I have no reply from you to my letter of more than two weeks ago. Saw David both today and yesterday and no satisfaction from him, have importuned him for money many times and have only succeeded in obtaining ten dollars since you were here.

After what you told me of his promise to you, and his authority to draw on you for half he might pay me, I feel ill-treated.

The only way to succeed in a great undertaking is to have all men connected with it treated fairly and encouraged to put forth their best efforts. That plan has not been followed toward me by David since you and I were in Chicago.

I do not deserve to be treated meanly. I am a frank and honest man and speak plainly what I wish you to know when I say I would rather have \$1000. now to relieve my family from distress than have \$100,000 when the road is finished.

I have spent two years and by my personal efforts put the enterprise where it will be an easy matter for me to build the road at a large profit.

I will thank you very much for a letter or telegram advising me what to do. I am losing faith in David.

Your Friend

Thomas S. King
52 Broadway N.Y.

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HARRY W. LINSON.

137 BROADWAY.

New York, Feb. 5 1889.

Dear Benjamin;

Pete has not
yet returned from the west.
He writes that he wants
to find out if all the legal
matters are all right. I think
he will be here before the week
is out. I will let you know
how things go at that time.
I wish you could be here
next Monday to talk the matter
over with him.

Yours truly
D. Mitchell

PETER MITCHELL.
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HENRY B. WESELMAN.

Law Offices of
P. & D. Mitchell,

137 BROADWAY,

New York, Dec. 27 1889.

Telephone
639 Nassau.

My dear Benjamin;

I have heard nothing from Peter but that he is trying to straighten out matters fully before he comes back. I suppose King is with him. I am glad he is going into the matter fully while he is there. I suppose he will go to Saratoga for you before he comes back.

I have had Oliver St. torn down and given out the contracts for immediate work a few weeks and I'll have the stable built. You can let me have the \$10,000. for it whenever you

like. I could use it right
along now.

Please find Oliver H.
check for int. \$250.

Please bring the book
with you when you come
to town next.

I wish you could go
on to Washington to the
inauguration. I believe I
would go if you would, but
I don't like to go alone.
Real Estate is looking very
well here - particularly on the
west side of the city.

Yours truly
D. W. H. Hildner

New York, Nov 21 1889

Benjamin Gates Esq

Dear Sir

As I telegraphed
you tonight Mess. Hun sent
us word that the best they would
do is \$9000 at six per cent
one thousand of which is to
be payable in two years
from date. Mr David Mitchell
thinks you had better accept
this - this is the real estate
men I saw Mr Dorataga
shake highly of the property.
As the matter is to be closed
Nov 26/89 next Tuesday the
balance of the money will have
to be paid at that time. Let
us know whether you will accept

LAW OFFICE OF
HENRY B. WESELMAN,
137 BROADWAY.

TELEPHONE, 639 NASSAU.

New York, Nov 29 1889

Benjamin Gates Esq

Dear Sir

Enclosed you will
find check for claim in
full Jordan matter which
you kindly left with me
for collection. There is
no charge in this matter

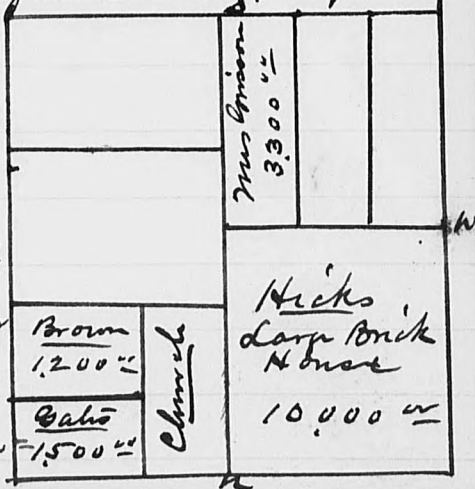
Very truly
H B Weselman

St. Johns, Mich.
 February 11, 1889.

Bruf. Gato Esq
 Mr. Stanton Esq

Very Dear Sir: Your favor of the 8th inst. relative to "Sickels Block" is received, and we would say that we regard St. Johns as Booming - It has its \$40,000 Hotel and has a fine trade, and is an excellent town. Our assessments we regard up to nearly full value. I put a plat below, with

South side of Bl 14 St. Johns, showing how far is assessed
 Yours - 1500⁰⁰ - Same size lot South - old home town 1200⁰⁰ - Hicks with \$1000



Mrs. Larrison - 3300 ~ - My judgment is that these assessments are at Cash Value, as the law foresees they shall be; and, we notice that the property of non-residents is always assessed as high as it will bear.

You understand that the Sicksels block has not been improving - it could not - on the contrary, it must have been deteriorating.

We should say the lot is worth Cash \$1500 ~ and \$1600 ~ 1/2 Cash, balance on term at 6 per cent.

Mr. R. H. Perini owns the "Perini House" property, on East Side of Court House - with between 5 & 6 times as much land, & large hotel & beams - He will take \$6000 ~ for the whole.

We do not wish to depredate property in St. Johns - we live here, Yours Very Truly

Perini & Baldwin

St. Johns, Mich.
Feb'y 23. 1889.

Friend -

Benjamin Gato,

St. Johns, Mich.

Dear Sir: Yours of the
18th inst came to hand two
days since.

You have endeavored to raise
the bid for your Brick Block
property, about \$1500; but
can find no one who will
pay more.

We can get \$1500. - \$1000
cash, and \$500. in 90 days.

As to building stone, we
would say that the location
is not right - a stone - man-
aged by Cortland Hill was

the location some years since
But it did not work well,
and was discontinued
on that year.

The business of the town
is rather going north.

The building is not per-
seamless & is considered
rather unsafe.

We want you to do
just-as you deem best,
and we write that you
may sell at the price if
you think best.

We have had lower fig-
ures placed on the property -
viz \$1200 & \$1300 - \$1200
being the lowest.

The building is not re-
garded valuable, which
induces the belief that
the property is worth little

More than the bare ground,
We are having cold winter
in Central Michigan

Yours Very Respectfully
Vernon & Baldwin

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HAWLEY, PA.

Oct 1st 1888

Mr. Benj. Gates

Mt. Lebanon N. Y.

Friend Gates:

Enclosed find H. J. Atkinson's
check for two hundred + forty dollars.
(\$240.00) Chk. payable to your order.
This is for interest on purchase
money, for one year.

Yours sincerely
Joseph Atkinson
by J. Atkinson

New Lebanon Columbia Co, N. Y., May ²¹ 1890.

At a meeting of the United Society of Shakers,
New Lebanon, New York, held this day, a quorum
being present, it was ^{voted} agreed that Robert Valentine
Trustee of aforesaid Society be, and that he is hereby
authorized to sell, assign and transfer any of the
stocks and bonds standing in the name of the
Trustees of society aforesaid.

A true copy from society's Records,

Giles B. Avery, Clerk of

{ Witness. Daniel Bales } Said Society
Minister