

I communicated this information to Mr Blake and stated to him that I was unwilling to buy without more information and would write to you to explore more fully than we did when I was with you. The next day after receiving your letter I rode to Mr Blakes Eleven Miles purposely to know what his views were on the subject and whether he was disposed to take any part in the purchase if we made one, he then declined taking any part, on this ground he had no funds to appropriate without hiring and wished to purchase where he could take the timber off to advantage

Soon after this I saw Scribner ^{and the other owners} and agreed with them for the land on my own work as I thought. This was the last of December in January following I went to Wilbraham in Massachusetts and got a grant of half a township and located an A in the 12 range. On my return from Boston, not thinking my bargain very great I offered to sell at the same price I gave having my expenses for Exploring and purchasing by all paid. The last of February or first of March I sold one half ~~acre~~ for enough more than what I gave to pay all my expenses and a very trifle more. Had Mr Blake here said to me as informed me any time before I sold that he should like to take a part of the purchase I should have been perfectly willing as I did not consider it a very great bargain. Mr B never mentioned to me that he had any desire to take any part of the land neither did I know that he wanted it until a year from the March after I purchased he then came forward and said he considered that he was entitled to part of the land at the price I gave which I without any hesitation refused to let him have. We had conversed concerning the land several times in the course of the year but he never intimated that he