

I believe Mr B did state ^{to others} (altho he did not to me) that he
should like to take apart the latter part of the summer after
I purchased — Had the trade proved a bad one Mr Blake
would not have thought himself bound to take any part of it and
as he declined taking any part before the purchase and neglecting
to say any thing about it for more than one year after in which
time I had sold one half of the land had risen very much
I did not consider myself bound by law nor honour to give him
any part of it — Mr Blake has been very busy ^{conducting a} important
in this vicinity that I have defrauded him out of
apart of the land, but I do not think he has
injured my character where we are both known

You Sir are (comparatively speaking) a stranger
to us both but from the little acquaintance I have had
with you I am unwilling to forget your ^{good} opinion;
I have therefore stated the facts ^{reduced} as
accurate I shall now close the subject and am now
willing that you should make your own comments
upon the affair

May the blessing of God attend you and
yours is the sincere wish of yours Friend to

Capt J Mathews

Thomas Perley