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to  
Dr. William Thayer  
17 Aug 1849

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Mess<sup>rs</sup> David & Wm McNeils  
Gentlemen

I dislike very much the idea  
of Differing with a Neighbour about a Trifle  
I gave you a proof of this disposition when  
on a late Occasion, for the Sale of Peas, I  
frankly offered to give you up half my  
Hod of my Land, on certain Conditions, but  
when you declared your determination to take  
the Peas, without fulfilling the Conditions,  
I then withdrew my offer, and determined  
to hold on by my original Bargain.

But you will observe, that if you are willing  
to adhere to the Arrangement made with  
your Father, in your name and on your  
behalf, on the Ground, in the Presence of  
many Witnesses, then I am willing to abide  
by my offer thus made - in which case  
the matter between us may be amicably  
settled - and at almost no Expence.

But if you are not willing to confirm  
that agreement, then I propose that it be  
settled by the Arbitration of Two or Three  
men, mutually chosen. But if you will  
not allow the Matter to be settled by Either  
of these two Equitable and honest ways,  
then I must tell you that I will not suffer



you, nor any one else to sue me for  
perjury, as you have done, with impunity  
and shall give you an early opportunity of  
vindicting your conduct before a jury  
of your countrymen, - but before you  
claim me to this extremity you would  
better reflect on the expense that will  
be incurred in such a suit, our Mutual  
Witness <sup>alone</sup> whom I must bring from a distance  
will cost not less than ~~the~~ £10 - and this  
Witness must bring forward whether it  
be settled by Law or Arbitration.

one thing is certain that it must & shall  
be settled some way soon, lest what it may  
and you will probably find in the end that  
it would have been your wisest course  
to stick to your original agreement, all the  
matter in dispute between us is not worth  
more than £3 to any of us, to throw away  
our time & money attending on Courts in such  
a case, could only expose us to the charge of  
quasi-folly, and all this and the ill feeling  
which it would naturally generate may  
be avoided by both Parties adhering to  
the original agreement.

I am, yours Truly  
James D. Cowan

Pitcair, 17 Aug 1849



Copy Notice to Remove Fences Surveyed by  
Thos Beattie.

I hereby <sup>require &</sup> order you to remove the Fences  
you have <sup>erected</sup> ~~erected~~ on my Property within  
your own <sup>and ~~my~~ ~~land~~ ~~of~~ ~~course~~</sup> ~~land~~ otherwise I shall have to  
take legal measures against you as to  
my papers.

Yours truly  
Jas Dawson

To Messrs Don & Wm McTear

Dated 17 Aug 1849



This covered by  
Thos Beattie  
18 Aug<sup>r</sup> 1849

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Dep<sup>ty</sup> Do W M King  
Gentlemen

I hereby require and order  
you to remove the Fences you have lately  
erected on my Property, within your own  
Line, and that without delay, otherwise  
I shall have to take legal measures against  
you as a Trespasser.

Yours truly  
Jas Dawson

Pitcair, 17 Aug 1849

