

in best wishes that the same Blessing may Attend you & yours. I am D^r Sir

your very hum. Sert

R. Hamilton

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TIMBERS FOR FORT MALDEN

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Sir I'm just favoured with your Obliging Letter dated the Last of June & thankfull to all those Who have the Direction of the Suply's of Timber for Goverments Use for their Indulgence & wish to serve me but as the Wood wall [was] all Ready (10 large logs Excepted) before the Winter broke up & that the delay has only been Occationed Owing to the Failure of those who Undertook to draw it Out, & that I have remedied that defect by sending 5 Oxen & one Horse to the Pinery with three drivers. I have no doubt of a Great Part of the Timber being now on the Way & I'm sure the Rest will follow soon After, for my Idea is that Whoever contracts should perform without Regard to Expen^{ce} & that they never fail performing what they Understood Unavoidable Accidents Excepted. I dont know of any raft of Pine Timber Arrived here from the Pinery this Year Earlier than About two Weeks ago & many have not yet Got down, Therefore I hope what I have to Furnish will be so Short a Time After the Others as not to Cause any Loss or Disapointment to Government. I have now no less than 10 men at the Pinery for the Purpose of bringing it down with Cables Anchors &^{ca} I wrote more on this Subject than I would Otherwise do, was I not Informed that no small Pains have bee[n] taken to Create a belief that I could not bring down the Timber I had Contracted for. Tho it has run the Risk of being burnt (from Intention or Accident I Shant take upon me to say) & other deficulties thrown in the Way, yet If it is not Cast away on