

a sale of Detroit bears sold last fall much higher than the year before A H

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SALE OF BRUSH FARM

March 22^d, 1805

Dear Sir I send over Dain to bring me some tar from Cap^t Fearson and three of your empty barrels if you can send so many as I cannot get one from my cooper to put whisky in.

He takes a little supon meal¹⁰ over for Alice we did not think of geting it ground before now is the reason there's so little. Please let Alex go with Dain in order to persuade Barthelth the Shoemaker to let him have a pair of shoes now & if he has more [none] to make him a pair soon. I send a dollar for some common Suger I wish Alex^r to get if of this year & good from Campeau.

I find M^r Barthe has 400 oak pickets of mine they are at your service, but when you send the boat it will take them one day to bring them down the River as the Water is low untill they get into the lake. I think your men will not get back before the third day, therefore choose good weather.

I cannot agree to your making so many repairs on the farm at your expence. It realy costs more than if you paid rent. I wish it was possible for you to purchase the place for I fear unless something fortunate turns up in spite of all I can do I will have to sell it at last to pay Mess^{rs} James & Andrew M^c Gill £2000 nearly Hf^x Cur^{cy} I owe them I have been able as yet to pay the interest nearly £200 N Y Cu^r yearly and they desire no better but I wish to get rid of the debt & I know of no other way, (unless I was more fortunate in land matters) than selling the farm and giving some lots of land on this side, If they will take them. were my circumstances different from what they are, I

¹⁰ Suppon (supon, sepon, etc.) is a word supposedly of Algonquin origin, signifying Indian meal or mush. See Hodge, *Handbook of Am. Inds.*