

Ann Arbor. September 22^d 1898

Dear Brother. The Sabine Rail-Road is to run through your land it strikes on the East side about eight rods from the South end (that is the line they have run through) on the west side it comes out 30 feet South of the corner. The Rail-Road is on a straight line through your premises. 100 feet ^{in width} is what Rail Roads claim in this country. I spoke to the Engineer about settling for the damage done to you. He refered me to a Mr Ridson of Sabine he thought we could agree without leaving it to men. I want you to let me know what you think you ought have I think \$300 would be a fair compensation. Robert thinks 5 or \$600 is none too much. I leave it to you to decide and direct. I dont care about calling on Mr Ridson until I hear from you. You had better come yourself or send a power of Attorney without delay. If you send a power of Attorney I wish you to copy the one that Robert sent. It will answer Michigan As the election draws near in Pa. you of course cannot come. The last day to accept proposals on the route was the 20th of this month. The deepest cutting is 3 1/2 feet on your premises that is the summit level; about the middle of your land. I am in favor of your letting the Lawyer affair alone: I am of your counsel's opinion. The young Lawyer know little about it and Weidman their lawyer not much more. So near as I can understand you. You nonsuited Lawyer and left him the costs to pay. When Lawyer conclude to let you alone there is no one else will ever make an attach upon you. And the whole concern will be settled in every sense of the word. If you were to attempt to file an account they would object to its passage. And it would be some trouble and cost some money were you to carry your point. By letting it alone it will be no trouble and cost nothing. There seems to be none to decide this thing but you and me. I am further off than you and under less excitement. The Rail Road along by us moves very slowly it will not be done this fall. a number of the hands sick. This has been a hot, dry and sickly summer. The Huron is lower now than I ever knew it. It tryed to rain to day but has not made out much. It is blowing up cold. We are all well. one of the children has had the Ague (Malaria) Wheat is \$1.20 pr Bu. Wheat was pretty good. Corn not good. Potatoes poor. Dont grumble over this short letter. I have kept of even this too long. But I believe you have all the news here. I have not sawed much for the Rail-Road yet. I dont think much will be wanted this fall. The Major tells me to saw for him I do saw Rail Road lumber when I have nothing else to saw. I even then saw faster than he pays me. The times are hard but the high price of wheat will help to better them some. I dont think of any thing more. Farewell

John Geddes

To Mr William Geddes

You would be here in time enough if you were to start directly after the election. Both Parties are preparing for a vigorous contest in Michigan doubtful how it will go.

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