

Richard Stuart  
Merchant  
Waterloo  
Seneca Co

B. C. DeWitt  
Feb. 11 1838

New York Nov 28<sup>th</sup> 1837

Friend Richard

We this day rec<sup>d</sup>. yours

by favour of Mr Stuart, to whom we paid  
the amt. of his draft 100 Dollars, also to White &  
Wright 100 Dollars. Your note to A. Willetts being  
due was presented and paid before the receipt  
of your letter.

We wrote you on the 17<sup>th</sup> inst (which you  
have no doubt ere this rec<sup>d</sup>.) informing  
you of the payment of the Bond & Mortgage,  
also giving a statement of the Flour we rec<sup>d</sup>  
and sold up to that date. We rec<sup>d</sup> on the  
23<sup>rd</sup> inst according to the count made by  
Capt. Paul and myself the evening it was landed  
409 Bbls Flour, but on adding up the day following  
when the balance unsold 54 Bbls was brought  
in store we could only make 402 Bbls.  
If the first count was correct, (which we have  
little doubt of) there has been 7 Bbls stolen from  
the wharf, we have given information at  
the police office, and advertised them but without  
effect. When you again write you will ob-  
lige us by mentioning the quantity shipped.  
We have sold as follows. From the wharf 100 Bbls

at 60 cts payable 1st Dec<sup>r</sup> - 176 Bbls retained to  
our customers at 60 cts - 18 Bbls up fine (See's) at 57 cts.  
54 Bbls See's fine 44 cts - not being able to sell  
any more on the wharf, the balance 54 Bbls were  
stored, and since sold - 7 Bbls 56 cts, and to W. H. L  
to finish of Beechville 41 Bbls 60 cts - 1 Bbl 1st Dec 1st Dec 55 cts  
half cash balance 9 Days adding 1/2 ct. 5 Bbls deliv<sup>d</sup>  
to a groom by your order making in all 402 Bbls.  
We may err in judgment but our present  
opinion is that this lot of flour is well sold.  
Though the canal has closed earlier than usual  
there is no scarcity of flour, and speculation  
has run the price too high to stand, but when  
flour will be brought here in any quantity  
probably at 5 1/2. If your old lot of flour 30 Bbls  
of the 1st Dec still remains on hand, the improve-  
ment in price of good does not affect it.

There is at present little probability of your  
last parcel arriving this winter, should  
you be so fortunate we will sell or store  
as may appear at the time most to your  
interest. With esteem yours

Ernest White Co