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Dear Sir The Flour of which you advised

me some time since arrived in due season, but owing to an error in instructions being consigned to Fairlie in place of Skille, had to be stored in their store in place of informing me as usual. I was therefore not aware of it being here until about ten days after its arrival, when I called on Mr. Bond to make particular enquiring about it. You advised me of having shipped 62 Bbls, in addition to this I have rec^d. 11 Bbls, one having arrived since, and ten before the parcel of 62, making in all 73 Bbls. of these Messrs Bond & Co heard the ten first rec^d inspected before they were stored; they turned out 44 fine the balance superfine (the miller who receives 100 Bush for 20 Bbls ought to bleed at this).

I sold the lot of 63 Bbls to a grocer at 45¢ at 30 days not subject to inspection, and afterwards the others at the same price some, deducting 50¢ per Bbl on the fine. Flour from the LeRay Mills is selling at \$5 7/8. From the quality of your wheat

Richard D. Hunt

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and the quantity given the Miller your Flour ought
to be equal to theirs or any other which comes to
this market. I never saw inform me that your
brand has always been inferior to any other they re-
ceive from the west. There is no expense attached
to your Flour, the cost of storing & carting wheat
and also must father, the deal was then over.

I have sold your Flour best at 8^{cts} 1/2 for bushels
for cash, they contain in all 2553 lbs. If you can take
in deal to afford it here next season at that price
there can be no risk. As said here has to be a weight
when sold it saves much trouble by measuring on
the bushels the gross weight & tare in place of net weight
of seed. I have nice fr. Troy & Erie line one box
containing Hand worn shoes - wax, one Cotton Lin Seed
3 Bbls of Ashes & 21 Terkins Butter & by St. Louis
line 73 Bbls Flour. The cask of seed & Ashes sent with the
flour has not arrived. I am asking 9 cts for your Butter
and think that price will be obtained. The Ashes still remain
on hand, I think they will do better a few weeks hence, as
the river has now closed. The persons who bought your
Flour, I consider so good, that I would be willing
to guarantee the deal at 1/2 per cent. I am gratified to
hear that Lydia has followed our good example and must
request you to wish her, for me, all the happiness of

which the married state is susceptible, may she
& also yourself (if you have not been already) soon
be blessed with as fine a Boy as I have been presen-
ted with since you was here. Remember me
to your Mother, also to your better half and be
assured I remain thy friend
Caban of Hall

P. S. In writing the above I have rec-
tified your disappointment in money
affairs; As this is the season of the year in which
my purchases are less than any other it affords
no inconvenience, I would request however
that your remittances be made as early in the
Spring as your convenience will permit.
I have extended my business considerably during
the last season without augmenting my capital
am therefore not burthened with cash.
I have taken up your note at B. Hallachs as
requested. Timothy Lee will probably not command
over 14 Dollars in the Spring, at present no sales. Land is now a
worth 9 to 10 cts and will probably maintain about that price
with a shipping demand last of that no idea can be formed.
The prospects for wheat are very bad, the best information
I can give you is that 1000 Bbls General Flour have been sold
deliverable in the Spring at 4 3/4 - and 500 Bbls more were offered
in the coffee house today at the same price not taken. you
ought not to purchase wheat over 5 to 5 1/2 per Bush