

New York January 1. 1854.

Wm. Adams Smith
Esq.

Your letter of the 30th came this morning. We are willing to compromise our claim vs. Maples Smith, and hope you will accept the offer of \$5000. without delay, perhaps, it would be well to write him - but - you best know in what shape to approach him on the subject. Should you sell to him please advise us of the amount that we may draw. unless you can remit a check in our City at par.

When we make up our minds that we have our ends, to deal with, we feel anxious until we know that we have secured the "Bird in the hand". Therefore furnish us with ~~you~~ the closing scene, as soon the curtain drops - again we thank you for yr kind attention to this matter -

Truly Yours
J. M. Smith

My dear Mother
New York Sunday 1. 1801

The weather is very warm
and the wind is from the
west. I am well and hope
these few lines will find
you all the same. I have
not much news to write
at present. The crops are
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Yours affectionately
John Jay



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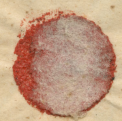
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Mr. Thomas Smith
Hartford
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Dray & Co
Jan 10 1841