

Bloomfield Dec^r 24th 1837

Col. Hodgdon

Dr Sir

Yours of the 14th was rec;
by me on my return home last night

My account against you and Mr Coffin
for opening the Road from Moose head Lake
to the Canada Road is as follows viz

Laid out by Maj Bernard	31 miles	100 rods
" by myself	7 "	158 "
	38 "	258 "

Making 38 miles & 258 rods at \$145 per mile amounts to \$5,626.90
Laying out the above 87.00

One half of which belonging to you viz \$2,856.95

I have rec^d from you at different times 2,250.00
ballance now due 606.95
\$2,856.95

Copy to Mr. Abner

The above ballance of \$606.95 I shall be under the necessity
of drawing on you for soon, which if acceptable to you, should be
pleased if you would pay it — I did intend to turn in part of it
or all towards amount due the State but our present wants will

hardly permit, and am under the necessity of asking
a lenity on the sum due the State till a time of year in
the spring at which time it shall be paid.

If anything is wrong in the above or within account
I will rectify it, when at Augusta, at which place I probably
shall have the pleasure of seeing you —

I perceive that ^{there} is likely to be an application to the Mass
Legislature for an appropriation to open the within road
the coming season, it did not strike me exactly favour-
able at first, as "it would cost a trifle more than at a future
time, but on reflection and seeing the opinion of others
I am led to favour the measure, more especially if a
Military Post should be established there, as I am in
hopes will be the case — Is there anything else that you
can do to advance this Military Post? Several Genls of
Mass. urge the necessity of getting a letter from the
Gov^t of Maine urging the immediate establishment of this
Post, and when we know who is Gov^t if you think advis-
able we will try to get such a letter as you think best
on the subject —

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Serv^t

Abner Coburn

S. Monaghan
Dec 23rd

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Hon John Hodgdon
Land Agent of Maine
Bangor

Attestum
Bill