

Boston, Ap. 20. 1825.

Mr. Warren Rice,

Sir, I take the liberty to address you on the subject of my Spelling Book. It was partially introduced into the schools in Wiscasset while I resided there, but whether it is still used in your town, or not, I have not been informed. It is a book upon which I bestowed much time, & careful attention, in order to have it correct, & worthy of patronage; but up to this day I am not remunerated for the expenses incurred in its publication, to say nothing of the labour & time. Not having funds, in the first instance, was a great disadvantage under which I laboured, and after publishing two editions of 5000 each, which caused me much trouble & embarrassment, I sold the right of publishing to Glazier, Masters, & Co. of Hallowell, but soon found

that, although they published a few small editions, they did not interest themselves in the work as I had reason to expect.

I induced them to give up the contract; and sold the right to publish the book to William Heyde, who was then in business in Boston; but after publishing a few editions he failed, and the book has been stationary, so to speak, about two years, & is now nearly out of the market. My brother who now has a printing establishment in the City, has recently purchased of the Assignees the copy right & stereotype plates, & will publish an edition in an improved style, forthwith. As soon as it comes from the press I will endeavour to convey a copy or two to you for your examination. My particular reason for calling your attention to this subject is, that my brother made the purchase, & is to publish the work, with a view partly to my benefit. An additional rea-

son is, that I noticed in some paper
that you had been appointed a com-
missioner, or supervisor of schools
in the County of Lincoln, under a late
act of the Legislature. Whether it will
come within your province to recom-
mend books for the use of schools, I
do not know; but I feel assured that
you could render ^{me} an essential service
in case you like the book, & think it
deserving of encouragement. The ^{same}
towns in Lincoln County where it has been
most used, ^{are} Nobleboro', Bristol, Warren,
Thomaston, ~~Canaan~~, Union, Washington,
Waldoboro', Jefferson, &c. But it has not
been used exclusively in any town except
Union. It is the principal Spelling book
in use in Waldo County, and has been
used in a number of towns in Penobscot Co.
& in Kennebec Co. - I shall feel myself
much obliged if you will examine the
book I may send you, and recommend its
use in schools. Yours, &c. Noyes P. Hawes

P.S. I would just say in addition,
that the market will be kept supplied
in future, and that all the editions
will correspond. I shall probably
prepare an Introduction to it this season.
N.P.C.

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