

[Letter from Simeon Locke Doggett to ?]

Yours of the _____ was recieved with as much pleasure and the contents devoured with as much gratitude as Mirza would have plucked and eate the luscious Apple near his eyes or slaked his thirst from the gurgling runnel at his feet.

For that letter announcing your recovery we have waited in suspense in doubts and in fears. Not that we thought you was Merza in the land of flowers (Dorada) longing, once more to be among the hills of Bagdad (Mendon?) tending horses and cattle and tilling the stubon soil as was the employment of your Minority, but as one destine As we flatter ourselves to a more elevated and dignified career

I have been for a wonder in Worcester the concurrence of events which gave me this opportunity were as follows -- In December 1844 Pa sued Messers I and Sm Thayer each for the sum of \$10 to the use of his Grey Horse Napoleon for the season they refused to pay the suit And a hearing, of the case was had before that selfish genius Charle Hastings the defendants had 7 or 8 witnesses and lawyer Robeson to prove a warranty -- G and Amos Richardson were Pa's witnesses C Rawson lawyer

The wise Ch-- Hastings decided both cases in favor of the Defendant in consequence of which Pa appeal to Wocester. One year elapsed during which time neither party capitulated therefore it had to go to Wocester and be tried before a jury of twelve disinterested men the witnesses for the defendants were A. Wheelock Daniel Thurber A. Taft Coverdale D P Darling & Very's lawyer was Chapin. S Thayer employed a Mr. Deane -- As testifiers were old Inman Richardson. Wilington Rawson and myself. Pa had lawyer Barton to plead his Case -- Judge Merick presided

On the 21 of December last all things being ready I and Rawson were sworn first. I was much embaressed but however made out to testify what were our terms and that the contract with Very was by the season Rawson said he was present and heard Pa tell Very that he did not warrant -- Old Inman was then called and sworn first he was asked if he knew anything concerning Very Bargain he Ans. no. then said the Judge be seated Inman wish to tell how that he could never get Mr Doggett to warrant his mare and that he had repeatedly endeavored to get him to utter his terms and warrant mares as a more profitable way," Richardson was then called and the same question propounded he gave a negative ans and was treated in like manner

Now the defendant's witness were examined Kaleb Taft swore he heard Pa say one time that he warranted Very Mare C & D were not allowed to testify for the same reason Old R and I were denied -- Jury returned a verdict the next morning, for the plaintive 10 dollars fixed of interest free from cost

On the 22nd (of the next day) at nine o Clock the first case call by the judge was Sam Thayers his witnesses were Andrew Wheelock Danel Thurber Coverdale and I was the only direct witness Pa had -- I asserted that the contract was by the season (not warranted) for ten Dollars Wheelock

declared it was by the season warranted (what a paradox) Thurber averred that he asked me then I inquired of Pa if he warranted the mare and Pa answered yes But and proved his statement to be erroneous by Richarson who was present at the Magistrate' decision and heard Thurber testify there quite differantly

The Arguments of Deane were of this cast -- that the Memmorandum book appeared very suspicious and that the adriotness with with which I replied to each question convinced him that I had been schooled and instructed by my to commit perjury Pa's honor being thus foully tarnish with indignation he arouse and demanded of his honor the judge the protection of the court from Judge Merick commanded him to set down and be silent

Lawyer Barton eloquently pleaded our case in expatiating on the gross attacks made by Deane he excited the sympathy and indignation of all that were presant -- the Judge having instructed the Jury they retired and soon returned with a verdict for the plaintiff \$10 and 62 cts free from cost

The Cost after both cases amounts to more than \$100 [\$1.00] which had fortune been adverse would have been a blow too heavy to have withstood but fortune smiled and victory we gained -- Sam Very has got a colt but Thayer has not

On the evening of the first night I was in Wocester Pa address a respectable audience The second night the fallen Gough was to vindicate his past acts and dispel the fumid mist which hovered over his reputation Being indisposed he spoke but 40 minutes and sat himself down to rest one half an hour -- from differant part of the densely filled house a cry arose for Mr Doggett of Mendon Pa responded to this wholly unexpected and unprepared for requirement in a manner worthy to be extolled

I never beheld in my life before so many human beings altho each individual had to pay 12½ cts for admittance the House Assembly amounted to 3000

Judge Merick Isaac Davis and many eminent lawyers and speakers were presant

The Newspaper encomiums which Pa has received tickle the bump of self esteem And any man praised thus in whom this organ predomanates would deify himself with self elation

Wocester is the greatest city I have had the good fortune to see. all In regard to slavery. the only possible way to effect the abolition of slavery is to cultivate a freindly disposition and to lay aside all these menacing attempts of compulsion for threats nor acts will never start the south

Cherish a good feeling, and I venture to say that the south would soon see the disadvantage of slavery and would adopt some plan to remove it

In the meantime a very salutary work could be carried on by the philanthropist which is the abolitization of africa's coast

Surounding that coast with colonies would have a most desirable affect it would not only civilize the ignorant inhabitants but actually put an end to the foreign slave trade

[Idiosyncratic spellings and absence of punctuation have been rendered as meticulously as I could.] [Evidently, the horse Napoleon did not do his all with the two mares, but was unwarranted except, perhaps, viva voce.]