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Letter from Thomas G. Clemson to Elias Baker, 1853 December 22

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Bladenburg Maryland

Dec 22nd 1833

My dear Sir

The stove and the
Oyrup have been here now some
time. The latter owing to heavy
dew stuck on hand but not been
opened - I got hot in time and will
conserve upon it. The stove was
immediately placed in our sitting
room but for what reason I can
not tell it being built & we
cluster around it & keep it warm
I have no doubt from what you
said of it that it is competent
to heat this little room effectually
& the fault may be in the chim-
ney or perhaps in the stove
itself as it is the fault of the
kind I can say I am not judge
from comparison - I find that
just that it consumes a great
deal of coal without giving

any heat I should put up a board
in the chimney & plaster it well
around the edges - so that the fault
is not there - I propose taking
it down tomorrow for we were
much warmed with wood & I will
put up another kind of Anthracite
stove & give it a trial. I would
return to wood if it were in my
power to get it out but I find
the greatest possible difficulty
in getting labour - and I am ac-
tually at this time without a
person on the place - but expect
to be better off after Christmas -
I am now the less obliged to you for
your kindness in sending it to me
& shall put it (the stone) up
in another room so that when
you come to see us again you
may perhaps find out the
difficulty - if any there be -
The old saying is that a person should
never examine the mouth of a carp

more, but I state the matter to you
as you requested me to do - It has
been very cold here for the last week
and we have felt it's very severe you
notwithstanding the stove.

The difficulty in the article labour
is a most serious drawback to me
& without things changed I do not
know how I can get along -
To buy machinery is necessary & expensive
pieces & to invest money in them
at such prices is hazardous & that
particularly so when the prices of
us are

We are all well and all join in
sending you the compliments of this
season

Very sincerely yours

Thos. J. Clemons

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