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Letter from Thomas G. Clemson to Elias Baker, 1855 September 2

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Think of Tomatoes selling in
the Washington market for
3 cts the bushel & 15 cents
the barrel. Potatoes 60 cts
the bushel - etc -

They tell me that I shall
make not less than 500 bar-
rels of oats - not less than
four or five hundred bushels
of corn. The mark of my corn
is two or three feet higher than
I can reach with a cord

If a man can not pay ex-
penses of an abundant year
what can he expect to do
of a less production - the low
price of fruit. I wish you would
bring them down to enjoy it with us
the effort was & within in a
few days, I am still without his
kind man - Yours affectionately
J. B. Edwards - J. S. Clemens

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My dear Sir

I wrote you two letters
within the last month & from
my not having received any an-
swer to either I fear they must
have miscarried & that you
are sick - But I hope the
delay is rather owing to your
absence on different business
as you spend about one half
your time on the road.

It will be out of my power
to send to advance funds at
this time for you which I
regret very much & when
the things I am in of
the freight &c will have

to be paid & I shall have
them to settle about the
cherty & in order to keep
things moving on the other
side of the water I will
shortly have to remit a
part of what is owing -

I wish you would let me
have some funds in order
to meet the demands -

I should had a great deal
of money to pay out some
rather unexpectedly besides
the amounts necessary for me
to keep this farm going every
thing going out & nothing
coming in makes me more
scant than I thought I
would be -

The weather here is rather
too wet than otherwise I
have a portion of my oats (that
in the orchard) down & owing
to the rains can not get
them up - The same with the
Hay in the low ground -

The oats in the ~~orchard~~ are
amazing heavy & very high.
Indeed every thing in the place
is very abundant. My garden
is filled with abundance of
the most excellent vegetables
but as they being so thin in
the market I shall keep
what will not rot & feed
the Hogs with the rest -
I should found out that the
profits of farming in this
country amount to nothing
& the expence great -