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## Letter from Thomas G. Clemson to Elias Baker, 1856 February 29

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the one all well & send kind  
remembrances - It rained here  
all day Wednesday but it is  
thawing today

Yours affectionately

Henry G. Clemson

P. Baker Esq

The Woods 29<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1856

My Dear Sir

I wrote you by your  
gardener who left here on Tuesday. After  
he had taken his departure I found he  
had left a tridle behind him.  
I don't know how the Mule was before  
she left you but she arrived here  
in a very bad state. She has never  
been able to walk since her arrival  
her legs have been a good deal  
swollen & appeared to suffer a good  
deal from her new hard shoes. I  
had her shoes taken off & her feet  
examined. The foot is in a bad  
state still. The frog is entirely  
rotted away leaving a bad looking  
running ulcer, which requires attention  
which is being given. William & the  
Smith say that she will get well  
by giving her rest & some doctoring  
but according to appearance she

appears to have seen hard times.

The journey may have added to her ailments.

I write you to day to say that last night's mail brought me a letter from Brufely about money &c. He tells me that he had com-  
pored <sup>made</sup> hands at work upon the window fixings for which he had to make new models especially for the purpose he says they will be very solid & handsome. But he complains bitterly about my not sending him more funds. That the difficulties in Europe are very great owing to the war & that he can not get along without I come to his relief. Now it is impossible for me to advance one cent on the contrary I must have money myself & I have concluded upon sending you a couple of orders which I will send to N York & try to have them discounted. I am of

I say, in need of the money I have advanced & I must send to Europe funds to pay the balance on what has come & for that which is in hand. So that I draw for two sums each \$500 - which you will please accept on their face and endorse on their back & send them to me. Or what is still better & which will be negotiated perhaps with greater facility, is for you to draw two notes of hand of same date & ten or as there & payable at the Mechanics bank of New York to my order. & send them to me in return instead of those which I send you I will then try & get the money for them through my agency in New York & red you perhaps of trying to do what you may find impossible -