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Brother Richards

I will trouble you again
to read a few lines of my scribbling,
we elect our officers here without
trouble and things look, prosperous,
in future I am a politician the signy
of the times seems to prognosticate
that wild cats will be scarce
an other year if there is a few left
we will have their claws pulled
out so that they cannot scratch
so note it be amen, we are quite smart
and hope you all are smart, I would
like for you to try and buy some
good barky for, or for holding tak about
four or five hundred if you can get
them for about \$100, 125 a hundred send
we would soon you can, if you will
take some trouble to get ^{to pay} them we will
pay you we would like, some good pay
and ~~some~~ some money if we cannot get them
without, there will, ^{be} somebody up there
soon after some for another concern to
look out for no 1, get what you can
soon your obedient servant E. Whit