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Spencer Arnold Esq' Sir,

Your favour of 29th inst. is received. In reply I will say that I have possibly ~~seen~~ ^{heard} a few cuts on State land. Whatever I have taken, more or less, was down, worthless timber, that has been lying on the ground fifteen or twenty years. ~~It~~ Timber, that you or any person acting for the State, would never think of asking stumpage for.

I do not consider that I have trespassed on the State lands; neither can you, or the Land Agent deem me a trespasser, for had I been so considered, I should probably have been dealt with accordingly. Neither can I suppose that I am expected to pay any stumpage. For this supposition I have two good reasons: First, if I understand rightly, the Land Agent will not take any stumpage; Secondly, I have ~~not~~ taken any lumber from State lands, that is worth stumpage.

I should be pleased to have seen you; but it is next to an impossibility for me to see you at the Fort, the time you suggest. — I am

Respectfully Yours

Almon S. Richards