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S. Arnold

March 31/59

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Percy Arnould Esq, Sir,

Your favour

of 19th inst. is received, the copy I will say that I have possibly ~~seen~~ a few cuts on State land. whatever I have taken, more or less, was done, worth the timber, that has been lying on the ground fifteen or twenty years. I think that you or any person acting for the State, should never think of asking Stampage 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 has I been so considered, I should probably have been dealt with accordingly. Neither can I suppose that I am expected to pay any Stampage. For this supposition I have ~~two~~ good reasons; first, if I understand rightly, the Land Agent will not take any Stampage; secondly, I have not taken any lumber from State lands, that is worth Stampage.

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