

that you will extend my time. Please
furnish me with a favorable answer
as soon as possible, as I can decide
what to do. Yours faithfully
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Dear Sir

I have received yours of the
25th of March, and it seems to me that you would
willingly extend my time, if I had fully explained
matters to you. As I can not believe that you would
take the timber away from me, as you promised me
when I bought the timber, that I could depend on
having the timber, if I did not get it off in the limited
time, and I have trusted in that promise in case any
thing should happen that I could not get it off. I
will explain to you in what situation I am, the
slighting broke up so sudden, that I had to leave ten
sideways filled with logs in the woods, which will be
so worn eaten by next winter that all they
will be good for will be cull lumber

the timber left standing is on 8 or 10 acres along
the road on the North side of NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 Sec 28
and it seems to me that it can not be any damage
to you to give me time ~~not~~^{to} lumber that off next
winter, I can cut and remove the timber to my
own lands, which lay on the opposite side of the road
from your lands, but it seems to me that you will
not compell me to do this, in order to save the timber
before the time expires, and I would rather give
you fifty dollars, for an extension of one years
time from June 22nd 1892, so that it can be removed
next winter. at the same time I believe if you know
the disappointments I met with in lumbering those
lands, and the piece of pine I lost on the west side
of the NW 1/4 Sec 29, which you & myself believed
to belong to your tract, and at the time I bought
it, I asked you (as I did not know where the
line was) if all the pine seen in Sec 29 was yours
and you said yes, that it all belonged to you
but when I surveyed the lines I found
quite a piece of pine was not yours