

With sincerest, genuine Gratitude
& most profound Heart-felt satisfaction
in the memorable Depth of Distress of
wants I cheerfully recognized & certify

12th May 1801. Received of Col. Kirby
Three precious Dollars, of the most
useful & valuable Species extant
in opportune addition to several
other occasional Helps of the same
beneficent Kind, in the last & present
Century – which I must & will repay
with every dutiful Acknowledgment.

Memorandum for Mortality's Sake
& information of all concerned.
Leased to Ephraim Kirby Esquire
for the Season of rendering good Crops,
the Orchard Part of the former Lot
situate at the Head of Wall Street
Half a Mile West of the (ill contrived) Court House
which I bought of Crafts Birge &c
to use, improve, possess, occupy & enjoy
at his Direction till Christmas
expecting however that after
spreading the Manure thereon
he will caused to be sowed with Oats
the Southern Part & produce innumerable
Ommensity of Potatoes in the Northern
Division thereof reserving
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reserving only (if approved) a respectable
Tobacco yard adjoining the Barn thereon
south & East thereof 3 or 4 Rods in Extent.
But all referred to his Decision
That he will supply deficient Materials
(viz. Rails & Posts for Bars) and repair
the notable Vacancies of Fences round
the Lot so far as belongs to my Share
And if the Rents & Profits (as probable)
will not, in the ordinary Course of glad
Husbandry, generously compensate
his necessary Expence of such effectual
temporary Repairs of shattered Fences
I will be responsible for all reasonable
Reward for the Surplus, only let

the proposed Improvement be moderate,
but nevertheless effectual – ~~xxx xxx Wall~~
all however cheerfully submitted to his
to his own adjudication or Estimate
without bringing me much in Debt at
all advent used & or if he chooses
shall be adjudged & decided ultimately
by John Welch Esq.^r & Messrs. James Collins &
Ozias Lewis or any of them or others,
at said Kirby's election, on this fair
understanding that most sincerely
I mean to give a generous Bargain
(however unsolicited & undesired) on Account
of late Favors in sundry Instances
wherefore I have requested him to improve
said land till amply rewarded thereby or otherwise
Litchfield 3rd May 1801

Jedidiah Strong

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