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Dear Sir

In your answer to mine of 15th you disagree with boy proposition but omit to mention the other one ie that's do the stumping in June or July. In that your letter of 21st is an answer to mine of the 13th and you only disagree with one proposition in the answer. I think it is understood that you tacitly agree to the other. That is how I read your letter, but I want to know if June or July suits you or you just forgot to mention. The end of June or beginning of July is the most convenient time for me to do the stumping as far as I am concerned. I had a look at your field this afternoon

and found it still frozen up to within 1/6" of the surface. I intend doing about 2/3 of it (6-4 acres), although I have the power to do practically all of it, I cannot do the east end as I have to do considerable spade work in order to get a firm part of the stump to put the cable round and the stumps at that end run around 1,000 to the acre (2c each) so I will have to leave that bit alone unless you want to pay a flat rate per stump (say 1c per inch is 6c per 6" stump 12c per 12" stump

(1) Now my time is practicaly all all fixed up till the end of June and I propose that I do the stumping the end of June or beginning of July.

(2) The contract does not agree to you supply and board but it will save me a lot of bother if you supply the grub and I pay for it at the rate of 50 ct for 3 meals you will have a chinaman there and it would be silly wasting two lots of food each meal time any way

This correspondence has gone on all through the winter and I think we ought to have come to some understanding by now. I would come to see you about the matter if I could be sure of catching you in, but you are out quite a bit and 30 miles is a long way to go for nothing. However just sign your name across the 1st proposition or them both as a sign that you agree to them and return the letter to me we ought to have the matter fixed up. With regard to proposition No 1 ~~no one~~ I would suggest that as you once told me in a letter that the contract was off and repeated the statment in another you can hardly expect me to have kept any time specially open to do the stumping in

I am
yours truly
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