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January 23rd 1854

J. L. Thaddeus Esq.

Dear Sir Mr John
Hays requested I should write you a few
lines in regard to his renting the place
of yours he now occupies
I can say this much for Mr Hays
I have known him some ten or fifteen
years and I never knew any thing
of him (but the gentleman he is
good for his contracts and can give
any good security for the rent of
that place or for any contract that
he may wish to make as any man
as to his cutting & destroying timber
on the place I have no doubt there
is one word of truth in it. he told me
(and that Mr Hays was knowing to)
that he had one tree cut and sawed up
for the purpose of flooring the house
he lives in. as to his cutting & hauling
timber to the Saw Mill. is all false
that could be easily tested. in turning
Mr Hays off you would stand a
fair chance to get a worse one
yours truly
H. C. Blair

I would like to cultivate some of the
land adjoining me provided I
can do so without paying rent I
am willing to keep the place in
good repair. Please advise me
a line in answer to this

Very respectfully
A. C. Blair