

As regards insurance, you need not make any enquiry of the firm, unless advised to do so by me. In my agreement with them, I am to procure insurance on my own share of the vessel. Outfits, castings and shipments,

They, the owners, are responsible for the Prem. if they have insured my interest without an order from me.

Enclosed please find an order on Aiken & Swift for all sums of money that may be due me up to night on account of Bank Daniel Webster, as per agreement.

From this amount deduct whatever bills you have paid, and are owing you on the girls account, and the advance to Abram Allen, taking his receipt, the amt. necessary for paying taxes, dues, if any, and Painting and repairing the house &c. Then invest the remainder to the best advantage on my account.

If you have doubt in Mills, Savings Banks &c perhaps you could do better in Gov't Bonds. In these you can depend on what will be received. If you invest in Mill stock it may be advisable to ~~that~~ take chances in several instead of only one. It does not seem possible that Mill stock can go much lower, still we cannot tell.

I have no idea the amount that may be due me, in an affair better the agents the agent had not sold one half of my shipments, if all is sold you should receive some six or seven thousand, Perhaps it will be well for you to write them, making enquiry of the amount sold, and if they intend selling soon, if not all sold &c &c I intend shipping my Bone at St. Catharines if possible and my interest in that will tend to make up an amount if you see a good opportunity for investing. No doubt my shipments will all be sold ere this reaches you, you can ascertain that fact before presenting my order. Chas. papers inform me that some people holding Savings Bank Books are selling them at the rate of 75% of the dollar

Of course this is done only where the Banks are subjected to the "Star Law". I should think the purchase of such Books would be a good investment. The Banks no doubt will continue to pay 2 1/2 to 3% free of all tax taxes. Then where the Books can be bought at 25% below par will yield a good interest. It seems to me that this promises the most of anything at present.

especially where one is not likely to withdraw his capital very soon, and even if he should, the Books must be worth the cost

If you see a chance for making a good investment perhaps you had better obtain about all that may be due me, and so you can choose your time in presenting the order. Whatever you receive from them give a plain receipt for just the amt.

I do not think they will be able to determine exactly the amount due me, but I want the greater part of it. You see the name ^{of the firm} is changed Aiken & Swift, and how far they may be responsible for the contracts of W. L. M. Swift I know not. Everything may be right - I don't like to run too much risk.

If you get this in time be sure and answer it cheerfully and tell me what the outlook is

I think the mail writes "New England" the safest P. O. and Bertie sends regards to you Eliza Leige the boys and mother. Bertie is growing fast but he does not like to study as well as play whale

So give my regards to brother and sister all and Oblige your Brother
Gilbert

Bank Daniel Webster June 30th 1849
Messrs Aiken & Swift
New Bedford
Gentlemen

Please pay to Benjamin L. Borden or order ten days from sight all sums of money that may be due me on account of Bank Daniel Webster as per agreement and Oblige

G. B. Borden
Master Bank Daniel Webster

P.S. as the girls are keeping house you had better advance them enough to buy their wintens coal before cold weather sets in - yours &c G. B. B.

copy of order enclosed in letter