

Draft of a letter to Benjamin F. Greene from John A. Thomson [transcript]

Catskill 22nd Dec^r 1837

W^m Benj F Greene

Sir

I have just Rec'd your fav^r of Dec^r 10th you request me to send you one bush^l of the Rohan Potato, Early in the Spring- also to inform you, the price, & mode of transmitting way for the same, I can furnish you the Rohan Potato & quantity you mention, pack'd carefully in a box or small cask, & will forward them to Albany, early next spring, in the care of some one in the forwarding business. (of whom I will give you Notice in due season) who will deliver to your order & be authorized to receive the way, or they can be forwarded to Syracuse to your address, by enclosing the amount to me at Catskill the first day of April next, the expense of transportation &c will be paid by you in the usual way when delivered at Syracuse, the price I have sold them at has been uniformly \$5 of single Bush^l some few bush^l have been sold at Albany, by those who purchas'd them to retail in small parcels at one dollar or two taking large & small, or at 10^{cts} single & select them, I have sold some few at these prices, to accommodate the convenience of such farmers as wish'd first, to test their qualities. I presume however, that to every enterprising agriculturist the price would be only a secondary consideration, when taken into account the very extraordinary productiveness, & durability as a table Potato, & you will not think the price mentioned, very extravagant, when I inform you that they cost me, in Paris in 1832 (from whence I imported them) at the rate of 200- pr. Bushel including freight Duties & commission,

Page one of a typed copy of a draft letter written by John A. Thomson to Benjamin F. Greene regarding the shipment and market prices of Rohan potatoes. Thomson was a well-known grower of that species of potato on his Catskill farm. Original draft is contained within the Family papers.

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