

Draft letter from John A. Thomson to Elizur Goodrich [typescript]

climate, altho my produce was large the first season, I look of
no reason (all circumstances being equal) why they may not
produce from 50 to 100 \times $\frac{1}{2}$ \times $\frac{1}{2}$ more. you may have observ'd Judge
Bulls notice of them in the "Cultivator" with a statement of
the produce from 15 lb. of this potato, which greatly
exceeded mine, he planted them four weeks, however, earlier than
mine, & was growing when the frost killed the vines- I had some
to weigh $4\frac{1}{2}$ lb. but like many other varieties of potato, run
from small to very large, I would now, inform you that I did
not succeed so well this season in the amount of Produce by less
than one half of the year previous, or confident however the
failure was almost wholly owing to a mistake in the location,
& mode of cultivating. (Having been absent when they were
planted) they were planted on dry, thin stony soil, ~~as~~^{as} the
previous season planted in furrows, with manure drilled
in the furrows on the potato, & the fore part of the season being
with us here, unusually wet & cold & the extreme dry weather
we had from the 1st of Aug't untill late in the fall.
the consequence was, the vines were dry'd on before the middle
of Sept. & were dry'd & house'd, the weather being unusually
warm for the season about the time they were house'd. they began
to heat, & had to over haul them, which caus'd them to wilt
slightly & of course has lessend the fineness of flavor & has
greatly disappointed us in furnishing the positive proof I
anticipated, of their size & superiority of quality but are none
the worse for seed potato, I do not imagine the Rohan potato
to require any other or different mode of cultivation from our
ordinary varieties of potato, which I have no doubt the farmers

Page three of a typed copy of a draft letter written by John A. Thomson to Elizur Goodrich containing detailed information regarding the cultivation of the Rohan potato on Thomson's Catskill farm. Thomson was a well-known cultivator of that species of potato.

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