

Letter written to WR Graham from Edgar McGray, a farmer selling corn. From the tone of the letter you can tell McCray is quite upset, which makes the ending of the letter kind of interesting.

Paeonian Springs Va

Jan 21 1904

Mr Graham

Dear Sir

Yours of the 19th rec "this eve" I was never more surprised than at your statement that "you had bought 80 lbs corn at 2.00 per lb". You are certainly very much mistaken of such is your impression. All you said to me was that you would like to have so many lbs of that corn and I told you I would save it for you. The quantity I had forgotten, the question of price was not mentioned at all, as an evidence of the fact that I would not sell the corn for that price. I had been offered two weeks before you were here \$200 for 100 lbs. This offered by Mr Hoge and I declined the offer a week before the sale.

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be established. & I certainly would not
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You may have heard me say that
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for 2⁰⁰ parties hauling it from the
field themselves, from the crib I would
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at that time, for reasons easily explained

Your insinuation that I would be
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I was made the same offer by another party and on the 1st day of the sale early in the morning before I had any talk with you. I was asked by another gentleman if I would sell the corn. My reply was that I was not ready to price it. These are facts that can easily be established and I certainly would not have given you a price that I had on several occasions declined. You may have heard me say that I had sold some corn on depot farm for 2.00, parties hauling it from the field themselves. From the crib I would not sell at that price or any price at that time for reasons easily explained. Your insinuation that I would be dissatisfied with sale because price had gone up you will find is out of place when you know me better. This the first time in my life that I was even accused of it. When I make a sale it makes no difference where the price goes. I was never known to "?".

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In this case there was certainly no sale made only a promise to save you some corn the quantity I had forgotten. The short-corn at D J Mercier place I did promise to save for you & told you I had offered ~~them~~ for 1.00 as they were not very good I did not remember you had asked for the short-corn at High Point ~~But~~ I had your letter asking me to save them for you ^{which} was in time as I had not sold them I have written at length about this corn not because of the small amount involved but on account of the principle in the ~~above~~ Sale of farm was confirmed by the court this week. would like to know what day you expect to arrive here Anything I can do for you let me know Will help you out any way I can

Very truly yours
Edgar McGray

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Very (?) yours. Edgar McGray