Prof S. F. Baird

Dear Sir

Your letter dated Aug [?now] have just reached me and it you say that you paper xc have not come to [?now] I did up to the time of received the printed slips send all that came by mail to your address. After that Mr Smith sent according to your orders, I suppose you have been informed ere this of the very sudden and unexpected death of Mrs W.J. Rheese. Prof Henry left town sad Saturday Monday morning and I have not seen Mr Rheese for more than two weeks. I applied for a release from S.I. either temporarily or permanently to Prof Henry and he promised to arrange matters pertaining to that end before he left but did not do so. And as I had engaged work for this week was compelled to be absent for 4 days of this week I have been painting. Prof Henry don’t seem willing to allow his men more wages and I for one can not at the present rates of living remain for the same money. Therefore I fear that I can not remain until you return, Mr Waltz is in one of his contrary fits and can not be persuaded to put up the shelves in the Delahuny Paint Room under Packing Room to accommodate the S.I. stock of Publications every thing is filled in Floors and on the counters in the Packing Room waiting his pleasure.

Prof Henry is Expected back tomorrow or Monday. -- Mr Rheese I learn has gone away so we have no commanding officer present. So the work of Removing the Publications will have to remain undone until Prof Henry returns and give the carpenter the second and more correct order. All at the house is well. I have not been there for three or four dats. I learn from Twine Twine that alls well and every thing safe.

I hope Mrs Baird & Miss Lucy is much improved.

I had very much like going up for her [mount try] and keep up if passable

It all must impassable for me hold arm with a-a pen to finish the letter.

Yours Respectfully

Solomon.

For 3 days I have been working on a long tin roof in sun the thermometer stood at 126 in the sun, and not being well when I [?longer] that the effect very severely to day But I have finished and will rest tomorrow if being Sunday -