Great Salt Lake City Dec. 8. 1851

Dear Brother Phineas Cook

When your letter came to hand, I employed brother William C.  Stains to visit the stores and fill the bills, as requested by you and brother Artemas Millet; after visiting four stores he obtained the different articles as specified in the two bills, herewith sent, you will perceive that one or two articles you enquired for, could not be obtained, and there are several articles which I knew would make you more comfortable when you got them.

The price that brother Millet asks to dig the cellar, I think is too high, but I am perfectly willing to give what it is worth.

The three oxen and cow, I place in your hands to dispose of to the best advantage in the building of the mill.  I also send you a piece of Linzey, which is worth .75 a yard and I want Elijah Everett's Wife and Daughter, to have each a dress of it.

I intend to send down some dried fruit, Sugar and Coffee, as soon as I can find a safe conveyance, to make those persons comfortable who are willing to work, which you will distribute as equally as you can to my workmen, and be careful that you keep an accurate account of all your expences and receipts, that you may soon be able to render a full account of the same.

I want you to let brother Millett have 36 lights of glass, and the rest you can keep for my house, the size of the Windows, you can make to suit yourself.

I send a yoke of oxen by brother Henrie, the three oxen and the cow that is with you, I deliver into your hands to dispose of for the building of my house.

When I send again, I shall write you a letter

Your Brother in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.