

Greenwood Plantation
Thomasville, Georgia

Feb 10th

Dear Mr Burroughs,

I have had so many letters to write lately, that seem to have rather neglected you. This a. m. the weather is as cold as can be my room like Greenland yet - I am up at six writing to you, is not such devotion touching? First I want to say how glad I am that poor Mrs Covert will be able to see. I hope her

eyes turn out - much better than
hoped for or expected.

You were quite right - to get the
steel beams etc, Always use your
own judgement when you ^{know} what
is best, and some times letters
are slow in coming, and so
time lost in that way - And by all
means make things as fire proof
and permanent as you can.

I am sure bucking the elements
is hard slow and irritating work
but I repeat we can only do the best

we can. The elements will not change for
us, even when we feel they ought to, and
that we could improve ^{them} so much.
You do seem to be getting on splendidly
and have an enormous amount of work
going on. And a real good start is half
the battle. We are delighted that you
got the grey team, we always liked it
so much. The getting better cows was an
excellent thing. You must of course make
any change in the arrangement of teams
and all other things you see fit and proper.

you have full control there as you
know, and must have to make
things a success. The reason Mason
started system of letting our teams
have an hour and a half was that
it is always done in England, all over
Europe of the North. Now we work an
hour less every day than we did in
Andrews time so it can not be needed.
You know in Europe they work
longer hours than we do here
and also the Northern part of Europe
almost take the animals to bed with

them. they are so careful of them,
My own Parents would go short them.

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selves so the children and animals
might have enough. Now you just

change it. you do lose one of
the best hours of the day. As to

the loads of wood, I can not un-
derstand why. and I did not

think we had wood enough for

that. Look into it and find out

the reason, and then change

we can not possibly keep that

up. When Mr Mason started those things we probably had very few extra teams, and more wood than we knew what to do with, and as a rule we never sell, so I suppose he thought they might as well have it. I repeat do just ~~as~~ as you think best and right in all and every thing. I am glad the lambs seem nice and strong I hope the bad weather will

not kill them. Also glad the chickens
are doing fine. I am anxious to see
them in the new house. I am very
glad indeed that the ice is in. I would
not have been without it. All the people
would have talked so, and the expense
of buying would not have been fun.
I am returning herewith the design for
iron door which Colonel likes best. You
can of course have it made anywhere

or by whom you ~~short scarce~~ I
can't spell that word for anyone
but I mean have them made where
you please. I have been so hurried
trying to finish this if it is worse
than usual please do not mind
The mail leaves at seven. Do be
careful and do not let people know
when you go for money. Have you taken
any precaution? If there is a way be
sure to do it. With kindest regards
to all. Yours sincerely
Emma C. Garrison