

Greenwood Plantation
Thomasville, Georgia Dec 29th

Dear Mr Burroughs,

I have both your letters, and will try to answer as clearly as possible. First the state road seems the most disturbing. We do not like the idea of cutting down the hills, but suppose we will have to submit to that, but please make it as little as possible. Of course Colonel wants to be as reasonable as he can, but dreads

anything likely to disturb his trees, he
wants you to fight that as hard as
you can. Colonel is quite willing
and thinks it a good suggestion
to have the retaining wall. You will
use your own best judgement
about that and most other things
as we can not see or understand
from here. After we have seen the
prints, will write again if there
is anything say. The land of course
we will have to give, though I hate
too. we have not very much as it is.

and no time to reclaim the swamp -
You see if we do not give the land with a
good grace they can take it any way. but please
give them as little as you decently can.

Get all the tools you need such boilers drills
engines etc etc. Colonel wants to have the
dock finished as soon as he can, and
you can not be held up for anybody or
anything. never mind Joes looks, we can not
worry about him. I only hope he will not get
revengeful and give you too much trouble.
As to John Green if does not behave do not

even keep him a minute send them
away. After you have sent one or two
away the others will give you less
trouble. Still it is nice to have it a
little warm in the bed rooms. I
suppose it is awfully cold without
any fire. I have never liked John
Green or Graves and would be glad
to see both of them gone off the
place. I am sure there are many
good men would like to have
their places too. but the millennium
would not come even so. Leonard and
Joe I always rather liked. but do

put up with too much from any one
And get the blacksmith or anything
in reason

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to keep the
work going. I am glad none of
the men were laid off before
Christmas, as I like to see all happy
that day. Poor John Quick how is he
and what had he done to have
any one really want to kill him.
I am sorry the trim had not all
got there yet for Guna's house, you
had better order the trim for the
boat-house now so to be sure not

to be held up on that. I am picturing
the brooder house after the glass is
up, and to my eyes it looks fine
will be mighty glad to see it finished.
And I hope the job will seem quite
correct to those who do not know any
better. your mason work looked so fine
I would hate to have it spoiled —
I am sure we must have missed
Charles Osberg, and I do not remember
what he got last year. but you can
ask him, and give him whatever
he says it was. I think it 35 dollars
but am not sure. The cheque book

is in New York, so we could not find out
from that until Spring. I feel sure he
must have been overlooked - I am glad the
horse gets on. I hate to lose animals of any
kind but more so a horse - I am glad your
arm is coming out all right - it is so dreadful
to have something the matter with ones
good right-hand - I bought the tickets for
Die Walkure, and as they were gotten for
Mrs Burroughs and she thanked me for
^{them} long since, please forget them, it pleased
me to give them to the lady - I think
the stove you speak of for the sheep house.

will be just the thing, so sell it to a
colomb. Warm water is needed in
all out-houses really. We had to carry
it to the barn from the kitchen when
I was a child, but we had to have it.
I am delighted the children had a
good time. I hope the grown ups
did too. We had a nice party
here, with very good weather for
that one day. All the other days we
have been here are unusually unpleasant
for Thomasville. The rain is coming
down in torrents now. Dorothy sends love
to you Mrs Burroughs & the children

She has not been well since she
came here, a nasty cold and stomach
all upset. So she wants me to tell
you there is no mocking bird in her
mind or eye just yet. Do not mind
Mrs Conner she is not quite right - I am
sure, I hope you did tell her that
the Colonel never even saw her letter
and always leaves those things to you
any way. Tell Doctor Cobb where there
is a will we always find the way.
Believe I have seen a few things of
that sort. I am 52 past. I honestly
wish he would fancy Joe as I

Know she would make a good un-
selfish wife for any man. She is
well educated and can do anything
With best wishes to you all for the
New Year and all coming years.

I got the children's greeting Christmas
please thank them, I received Mrs

Burroughs's card and letter please thank
her also. I hope your Father + Mother
are quite well, and having a pleasant
time, Colwell wanted me to ask
about them and send his greetings

Love to all from yours faithfully
Emma C. Larson

Plead guilty
to sending it
win.