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Fences

The fences are good if compared with others of this vicinity but really they are poor. These will suffice until something is produced that will need protection.

Fruit Trees

I find that about one-third of the fruit trees have been gnawed by the rabbits and are dying. This comes from lack of care during the Spring months.

Grape Vines

The grape vines are a failure. The old ones are scrubby and neglected and the young ones are dying. It is money thrown away to buy them. This can and should be remedied.

Dairy-farming

The cows are so much better than formerly that I can find not fault with them or their condition. One thing, however, might be done which I think will increase their milk and better their condition. That is that they be fed at 5 o'clock in the morning instead of 7 o'clock. Then they can be let out while the morning is cool. Yours truly

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From Joseph D. Bibb¹

Montgomery Ala July 5 — 1892

Dear Sir: I am informed that Prof. W. B. Paterson claims to have in his possession a letter written by you concerning the stand I have taken against white teachers in colored public schools,² and that the letter condemns my actions as being unnecessary as well as "ungrateful." I have discredited the statement thinking it peculiar to *his shrewdness*; but this spurious letter (as I am compelled to believe it must be if there be any on that line at all) is winning for him a following he could not otherwise induce to support his cause.

While the justice of my side makes me fearless, and I am convinced that my course is honorable and upright, yet I should find sufficient reason for unpleasant reflection if it were true that *you* had put the