

Waterville,  
August 19, 1880

W.C. White

Dear Son,

I learn from your mother this morning the condition of her money matters in Oakland as follows:

- (1) She is paying more than ten percent on a mortgage for \$1,500.
- (2) By a letter from May, she is informed that that mortgage can now be lifted by money at ten percent.
- (3) She is asked to send you power of attorney that the business may be done.

I now wish to say that mother cannot afford to pay ten percent on money put into such property. I think you had better pay the mortgage and charge the same to her, and what is necessary, to cancel the mortgage--let it be done.

If necessary, mother can send power of attorney. If cheaper to do something else like sending *mortgage* to her, or she sending certificate to you, let that be done.

Please find out what should be done and write me at once to

Morrisville, Vermont

You can pay the mortgage, \$1,500 from the draft of \$1,800 you sent to me and I returned to you. Let us as a family stand together and work for each other's good.

Your father,

(Signed) James White