

of Sinope as related in *Plutarch's Lives of the Most Select and Illustrious Characters of Antiquity*: when Alexander asked Diogenes if there was anything he could "serve him in", Diogenes replied, "Only stand a little out of my sunshine" (p. 304).

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Editor's Note

bedfellows] *PE*; bed- / fellows in *facsimile of MS*

Author's Alterations

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permit] permits

From Thomas Burnett Smith

February 23, 1854

New York Feby 23^d/54

Mr Henry Thoreau

Dear Sir

Enclosed I send Ten Dollars for which send me 5 pounds best Plumbago for Electro-type^e purposes.¹ The pound you sent before I found very good. Please send me a small quantity of the \$1.50 per pound Black Lead that I may try it.

Yours Truly
Thomas B Smith
pr R. H. S.²

Correspondent: Thomas Burnett Smith (1799-1857), son of Robert and Sarah Smith and an emigrant from England, owned a stereotype foundry in New York City. He married Cordelia E. Smith.

¹ By this time the Thoreau family had stopped making pencils in favor of marketing their high-quality lead, which was a necessary ingredient for the recently developed electrotyping process for printing. T often acted as his father's agent in the lead business.

² Robert Harmer Smith (1824-1910), son of Thomas Burnett and Cordelia E. Smith, worked as a printer and a bookseller in Brooklyn

before joining his father's firm. His wife was Emily Willson (1822-1900).

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Editor's Note

Electro-type] *PE*; Electro- / type in *MS*

To George Augustus Thatcher

February 25, 1854

Concord Feb. 25th '54

Dear Cousin,

I should have answered you earlier if a wood-merchant^e whom I engaged had kept his appointment. Measuring on Mr. Hubbard's² plans of '36 and '52, which I enlarged, I make the whole area wanted for a cemetery 16 acres & 114 rods. This includes a path one rod wide on the north side of the wood next the meadow, and is all of the Brown Farm north of the New Road, except the meadow of about 7 acres and a small triangle of about a dozen rods next the Agricultural Land.³ The above result is probably accurate within half an acre; nearer I cannot come with certainty without a resurvey.

9 acres & 9 rods are woodland, whose value I have got Anthony Wright,⁴ an old Farmer & now measurer of wood at the Depot, to assist me in determining. This is the result.

Oak chiefly	4 A	53 ^{lds}	156 cords at \$2.75 pr cord standing	429
			large & small	
Wht & Pitch Pine	3 - 30	143½	2.	287
Pitch Pine	146	16½	2.50	41.25
Young P. Pine	100	5	2.	<u>10.</u>
				\$767.25

Merchantable green oak wood piled on the cars^a brings here \$4.75 pr cord

Pitch Pine	4.25
White	2.50