

STEAM-BOAT SIMEON DE WITT.

TRIP No.

July 15. 1891

Master.

PASSENGERS' NAMES.

Where from.

Where to.

No. P.

Dolls.

Cts.

Remarks.

Gentlemen

I learn that some of my neighbours have got up a petition complaining of the manner in which I exhibit my Bull and at my keeping him in my barn at Fall Creek, as I am about leaving home to be absent about 3 weeks I thought proper to make a statement to you of the facts in the case that you might better understand the subject if it became necessary to act on these petition.

My practice has been as follows. I keep the Bull in my Barn with my team at Fall Creek Mr. Stevens takes care of both team and Bull. The stable is kept locked except when Stevens is there in a few instances in the fore part of the season when cows come to the Bull they were taken in to the Barn the door closed and the cow served, but since complaints have been made it has been our practice to drive the cow in Spud & Co yard behind the Mill entirely out of sight of any house and lead the Bull out to the yard and there serve the cow, at other times the Bull is not taken out the barn except to water.

There is nothing immordest or indecent in our practice. and "Injured Sensibility" is not the foundation of the complaints, there are only 5 of the petitioners that live on the street where the Bull is kept one of them is not a resident of Fall Creek the balance of them live in the opposite part of the village and could not be annoyed if the exhibitions were improper. But all of them are interested except the non resident in carrying on a war against me on account of School difficulty which the publick will have an opportunity of becoming acquainted with soon and I hope the

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Trustees of the Village of Athaca may not be used as an instrument in carrying on that war until they have an opportunity of becoming acquainted with its merits. There is not ~~one~~ soul who has ever complained to me about the Bull's being kept where he is, if there was the least cause for any person to feel himself aggrieved and he should make his complaint to me I should remove the cause at once but there is no such cause and there has been no such complaint made.

I have more interest in maintaining good morals and good neighborhood at Fall Creek than all your petitioners together, my property is all there and my only interest is there and I have always exerted myself for the benefit of the place, and there is not one of the petitioners that own a foot of property there or has any permanent interest in the well being of the place.

I trust with the above facts before you you will not consider it your duty to grant the prayers of the petitioners during my absence and when I return I will be ready to meet my accusers face to face.

With much respect I remain at your service

E. Corwell

B. G. Ferris Esq
and others Trustees
of the Village of Athaca

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To the Trustees
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Clinton House

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