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**Title:** Letter from Roger B. Taney to Clotworthy Birnie

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Fredricks Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 1844

Dear Sir

Enclosed is a certificate of the plaintiffs  
costs <sup>in your suit</sup> against Schoof - This includes  
as well the costs you may have already paid  
as those for which you will be hereafter liable  
in case the suit is settled before February Term.  
It may be proper to apprise you that if Schoof  
means to settle fairly - the sooner it is done the  
better - Because if the case should stand open  
at February Term & your witnesses not be here  
you might be non-suited - Let him sign a memo-  
randum of the settlement and send it to me

The commission with the form of the return  
and instructions, are ready, & have been ready  
for nearly two months, - I did not like to  
incumber you with postage on them unnecessarily  
- supposing if you had an opportunity of sending  
them you would let me know - I would by  
no means advise you to abandon the suits

I think you must ultimately recover - If  
indeed the Defendants will compensate you  
for the injury they have actually done you  
I should then see no objection to settling with  
them -

I write this on the last day of the old year  
in the hope that the paper may produce or  
conveyed by some private hand before the  
regular mail day - accept for yourself and  
your family my wishes for a happy New Year

my resp<sup>t</sup> y<sup>r</sup> old<sup>t</sup> Y.

R. B. Toney

Recd: Dover Md 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug 8

Mr. Clotworthy Birnie

New Long Town

Fredrick County

Dodson B. Long

Frederick 31 Decr 1844