

Historian's office  
G. S. City June 13 1857  
Mr. Giezer Edwards

Dear Sir,

Yours of May 21st. has been received, and I have had much pleasure and gratification in its perusal.

I passed it over to Pres. Young from whose clerk T. P. Brown, I received the accompanying slip for you.

Last evening I had your letter read to the Board of Directors of the C. A. and M. Society; all who have heard your letter read rejoice in the spirit of it, and are glad there are some in Utah whose efforts and genius are bent on making Gunpowder. It is no doubt well known to you that Gunpowder is one of the most desirable articles that could be manufactured in this community, and one which demands our strictest attention, and deepest researches.

As to the reports of the discovery of Salt peter in abundance on Salt Lake Islands, it has arisen probably from Capt. Dan Jones' discoveries. He has discovered, slate

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chalk, alum, and I think he believes  
there is salt peter on the islands.

As to what bro. Brown mentions  
as having been received from Springville  
I know nothing only what is therein  
stated. If you can manufacture gunpowder  
and send Trust. Young a specimen it  
would be valued highly.

Your account of the cotton district  
is very encouraging; many have been  
sanguine that cotton could be raised on  
the Virgin and that there were some  
fertile spots on the clare and the  
Virgin which would raise southern  
productions.

Should the Iron roll out half  
as fast as your letter talks of and the  
cotton country produces according to  
your anticipations this inland Territory  
is insured of <sup>amiable</sup> commercial independence.

Your description of the effects of the  
Reformation pleases me; and I can  
endorse its truth in my experience

in this portion of the Territory.

We have considerable sugar cane growing here and anticipate it will mature in this climate.

Many are cultivating the castor oil bean and the Hon. J. M. Burchard has sent us some Binney the seed of which produces the bush or stalk from which is manufactured the pure sweet oil.

There is going to be an excellent crop of fruit here this season.

If you could manufacture a specimen of gunpowder for this seasons exhibition, it would much please Bishop Hunter and the Directors of the Desert Agricultural & Manufacturing Society.

Yours truly

W. Woodruff

per R. L. C.