Huntsville 24th July 1821.

Dear,

Clemens & Keys of Mooresville by their agent John F Mills, did on the 18th of December 1820. pull down and remove the Bridge over Limestone at Cottonport. That bridge had been built by the Cottonport company for which they paid $1650. and esteemed it as a very valuable acquisition to that town, and of great use and Value to the people generally who wished to travel in that direction, The Cottonport Company are not disposed to submit to so great an injury without reparation, and are determined to use coercive measures to recover the damages Sustained, to carry that object into effect they are desirous that you commence Suit for the same in such way and manner as to you may seem right and proper, as this suit may be somewhat Complecated and difficult to attend to, it is thought best to have two lawyers employed on

our part, We propose to give you and such person as you may select to aid you in the suit One third part of the amount of damages you may recover, as a full compensation for all your services in that behalf, & if you recover no damages you will have no fee — If those terms suit, you will please proceed with the suit as soon as practicable, we will furnish you with all the information we have on the Sub=
=ject from time to time as you may require it — herewith we hand you a memorandum of the names of persons who saw the Bridge pulled down, & who you will summon as witnesses &c —

Jno Coffee

Bright

J. J.

J. B.

Copy of a letter to
John McKinley, to
bring suit against
Clemens Hess for
Pulling down Bridge